

## Congress sends Obama \$1.1T spending bill

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Congress cleared a \$1.1 trillion spending bill for President Barack Obama's signature after a day of symbolic Republican challenge to the administration's new immigration policy.

The vote late Saturday night was 56-40 in favor of the measure, which funds nearly the entire government through the Sept.

30 end of the fiscal year. It also charts a new course for selected shaky pension plans covering more than 1 million retirees, including the possibility of benefit cuts.

The Senate passed the bill on a day Democrats launched a drive to confirm two dozen of Obama's stalled nominees to the federal bench and administration posts before their majority expires at year's end.

Several Republicans blamed tea party-

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are long-stalled.

It was Cruz who pushed the Senate to cast its first vote on the administration's policy of suspending the threat of deporta-

tion for an estimated 4 million immigrants living in the country illegally. He lost his attempt Saturday night, 74-22, although Republican leaders have vowed to bring the issue back after the party takes control of the Senate in January.

"If you believe President Obama's amnesty is unconstitutional, vote yes. If you believe President Obama's amnesty is consistent with the Constitution, vote no," he said.

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## US veterans from Battle of the Bulge join remembrance

By MATT MILLHAM  
Stars and Stripes

BASTOGNE, Belgium — The weather was the same, as were some of the people. But the atmosphere here Saturday couldn't have been more different from 70 years ago when German forces threatened to seize this town in the Battle of the Bulge.

Thousands of local residents and people from around Europe and the United States crammed the streets of this small Belgian town to pay tribute to the American forces who held off the German attackers. Braving nonstop snow and biting cold, they waved American and Belgian flags in what is one of the largest annual freedom parties on the continent.

"I'm impressed. I just wouldn't have missed it," said Fred Chapal, who fought here 70 years ago as a mortarman in the 87th Chemical Mortar Battalion. Restored vintage American war machines rolled up and down the streets under strings of Christmas lights. The mellow sounds of the Glenn Miller Orchestra belted out of a sound system in the town's McAuliffe Square.

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Navy celebrates its 13th straight victory over Army with fellow midshipmen in the stands at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore on Saturday. Navy beat Army 17-10.

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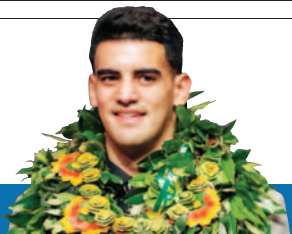
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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I saw them buried alive. They were yelling 'Allah Akbar! (God is great!)' before being slowly buried."

— Indonesian farmer Wawan Wahyuni, 20, who watched helplessly as his grandfather and dozens of his neighbors disappeared beneath mud in a deadly landslide

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## MILITARY



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Afghan security guards inspect a damaged bus Saturday at the site of a suicide attack by the Taliban in Kabul, Afghanistan.

# Afghan leader decries terrorist attacks

BY LYNNE O'DONNELL  
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Defying insurgents, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Sunday condemned the wave of militant attacks striking his country ahead of the withdrawal of most foreign troops, vowing, "We will never surrender."

In a televised speech, Ghani called on all religious, political and social leaders to condemn the violence. At one point, he even shouted: "Enough! No more!"

"This is unacceptable, it is un-Islamic, it is inhuman," he said, referring to the death of a university student in an attack targeting parliamentarian Shukria Barakzai and the suicide bombing of a volleyball tournament that killed about 50 people last month.

Ghani's words came just two weeks ahead of the withdrawal of most international combat troops, 13 years after the U.S.-led invasion following the Sept. 11 terror-



Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, center, attends a conference in Kabul on Sunday marking Human Rights Day.

ist attacks removed the Taliban from power.

Ahead of the pullout, Taliban insurgents have launched a series of high-profile attacks across the country, including those targeting foreigners in the capital, Kabul. On Saturday alone, insurgents killed at least 19 people, in-

cluding 12 clearing land mines in the country's south and a senior official of the country's Supreme Court who was shot dead outside his home in Kabul.

Ghani has made few public remarks about the violence that has intensified since he took office in September, though he regularly

visits victims of attacks in the hospital and at their homes.

In his speech Sunday, Ghani offered no specifics about his plans to combat the surging insurgents. His administration has embarked on a top-to-bottom review of the country's military and security strategy, promising to remove provincial governors and other security officials. His foreign policy aims to pressure Pakistan into halting cross-border attacks by the Taliban and the Haqqani network.

The uptick in Taliban attacks comes after Ghani signed a bilateral security agreement with Washington and a status-of-forces agreement with NATO that his predecessor, Hamid Karzai, declined to sign.

President Barack Obama also has approved an expanded combat mission authorizing American troops to engage Taliban insurgents — not just al-Qaida — and to provide air support when needed.

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## EUROPE

# Massacre remembered

## US POWs shot dead during Battle of Bulge honored in Belgium

By MATT MILLHAM  
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**BAUGNEZ, Belgium** — At the site where Nazi troops massacred scores of unarmed American prisoners of war during the Battle of the Bulge, Germany's ambassador to Belgium expressed a sense of remorse during a ceremony Sunday marking the 70th anniversary of the massacre.

Hundreds of people gathered at a memorial for the Malmédy Massacre, which includes a long wall bearing the names of 84 American GIs who were shot dead in a field here on Dec. 17, 1944, the second day of the Battle of the Bulge.

"This is, unfortunately, only one place the German troops, especially SS, killed people for nothing," German Ambassador Eckart Cuntz said, speaking in English. "I can't express my consternation and shame once again on

what has happened."

Though it was not the only atrocity committed during the monthlong fight in the Ardennes, news of the slaying of unarmed U.S. troops raced through the ranks, steeling American resolve to turn back the Germans in what would be their last major offensive of World War II, according to military historians.

Beginning with the invasion of Normandy, Allied forces handed the Germans a series of humiliating defeats, forcing Adolf Hitler's armies back to their homeland.

Things were not going well for the Germans on the eastern front either, where the Russians were gaining the advantage over Hitler's war machine.

Hoping to turn the tide back in Germany's favor, Hitler devised his last major offensive of the war, "Operation to the Rhine," meant to crush the U.S. and its allies in the

west to allow Germany to concentrate on fighting in the east.

A hardened battalion of Nazi loyalists was at the spearhead of the plan.

Combat Group Peiper, essentially the First SS Panzer Regiment, commanded by Col. Joachim Peiper, had a reputation for cruelty and the nickname "Blow Torch Battalion," earned by burning two villages and their inhabitants earlier in the war, according to an investigation years later by the U.S. Senate.

According to the investigation, Peiper's battalion carried out at least a dozen mass killings of unarmed American prisoners of war and Belgian civilians during the Battle of the Bulge.

At least 350 soldiers and 100 civilians were slaughtered by Peiper's battalion, according to the investigation. The Malmédy massacre, committed in the sub-



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**Eckart Cuntz, the German ambassador to Belgium, lays a wreath Sunday at the Malmédy Massacre Memorial during a ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of the atrocity.**

urb of Baugnez, was the worst.

Cuntz and others, including U.S. Ambassador Denise Campbell Bauer, honored the men who died here. Belgian children also participated; dozens of children laid flowers in front of the monument, and a girl read the names of those killed.

The ceremony was among several events happening across

Belgium over the weekend in remembrance of the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, which began Dec. 16, 1944.

The battle was the costliest of the war for the U.S. But the Americans' sacrifices in the war brought about Europe's "longest period of peace ever," Cuntz said.

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# Battle: WWII veteran, 93, says return to Bastogne a form of closure

FROM FRONT PAGE

The square was named for Brig. Gen. Anthony McAuliffe, who refused the Germans' request to surrender here after they'd surrounded the town, famously responding "Nuts," which an officer explained to the Germans meant they could go to hell.

In the besieged town, along with the villagers, were the bulk of the forces of the 101st Airborne Division and the 705th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

The siege of Bastogne is among the most remembered battles of the war and for many in Belgium a symbol of the American sacrifice for the country's freedom.

A disabled U.S. Sherman tank, a shell hole bitten cleanly into its left flank, sits on a corner of McAuliffe Square to remind people what the Americans sacrificed to ensure Belgium's freedom.

The scene today looks nothing like it did 70 years ago, said Thomas Rice, 93, who fought here with the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st.

"I don't recognize anything here at all," he said, surveying the beaming crowd clapping and hollering toward him and dozens of other veterans. "You've really got something here in the commemoration. This will go on and on forever as long as we're still standing."

Rice was shot three times by a sniper in an area east of Bastogne and was pinned down in place, bleeding, for more than two hours before anybody could reach him, he said.

His unit was outside the siege ring the Germans had established, but the fighting there was just as perilous.

Coming back to Bastogne after all those years, he said: "This is closure, if you can believe it. The scars are there, the wounds are healed, but we're closing it."



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**American World War II veterans salute during a wreath-laying ceremony at McAuliffe Square in Bastogne, Belgium, on Saturday. A statue of Brig. Gen. Anthony McAuliffe is in the foreground at right.**

Decked out in a uniform similar to what Rice wore during the battle, Bert Minnaert, 25, of Flanders, Belgium, said he came here to feel what it was like to have been there.

He became a die-hard fan of the 101st after watching the movie "Saving Private Ryan," and he has been to Normandy, too, where the 101st jumped into combat on D-Day. For him, both battles hold the same significance, he said.

"It's liberation in Normandy, it's liberation here," he said. "It's all the same for me."

As celebrated as it is, the Battle of the Bulge was nearly a disaster for the U.S. The Americans hadn't expected the Germans to launch the battle here when they did, and were largely unprepared for the roughly 200,000 Nazi troops that assaulted on a broad front from



**King Philippe, of Belgium, lays a wreath at the square.**

Belgium to Luxembourg. Taking Bastogne, a major crossroads in the region, was a key goal of the

German plan.

"In the area of Bastogne, families were about to celebrate

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the first free Christmas in five years," after American forces had earlier liberated the region from the Germans, said Benoît Lutgen, Bastogne's mayor.

For weeks before the attack on Dec. 16, 1944, "It was so quiet, the Germans weren't firing and we weren't firing," Chapal said. "So my sarge came over to me and he says, 'Fred, there's nothing going on here. We're going to give you a pass to Paris.'"

That was on about Dec. 12, 1944, he said.

On Dec. 15, "I got to Paris, saw the Folies Bergère (a cabaret music hall). The next morning, all hell broke loose. The Battle of the Bulge started, and they had to come get me back out of Paris."

"It was bad, but we got through it," he said. "That's the main thing."

The battle was the most costly of the war for the U.S., with more than 80,000 casualties, among them at least 10,276 dead, more than 47,000 wounded and more than 23,000 missing.

"One of our comrades told me recently that each survivor had lost at least a brother in arms and that this memory would haunt them [for] the rest of their own lives," Lutgen said at a ceremony here, addressing roughly 40 American veterans who fought in and around Bastogne. "Bastogne will never forget your sacrifice."

Denise Campbell Bauer, the U.S. ambassador to Belgium, said she'd spoken to many locals and veterans over the last few days, and their stories "remind us that ordinary people, Americans and Belgians, can do extraordinary things."

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## EUROPE

# Earning a retirement salute

## 4-star commanders attend farewell ceremony for Ramstein medical officer

By JOHN VANDIVER

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During a career spanning more than a half-century with the military, John Mace has rubbed shoulders with some big names and ensured servicemembers and civilians got the care they needed. He has been a close-up witness to history as freed American hostages and survivors of high-profile attacks streamed through the doors of his clinics.

While he's mainly worked out of the spotlight as a special operations medical officer for the 86th Medical Group at Ramstein Air Base, his efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

Two of the Air Force's top generals made a special trip to Ramstein for his retirement ceremony Friday. It was a final flourish to a career spent focused on the health of others.

"As operations officer, I am more or less trying to make sure the clinic takes good care of every patient that walks through the door," Mace said in a telephone interview a few days before his retirement. He goes above and beyond, he said, "to make sure they feel like family."

"It's been a great honor to do this job all these years," said Mace, who turns 73 later this month. "Most guys my age are retired, and some are six feet under."

Attending Mace's retirement ceremony was Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, head of U.S. European Command, NATO's supreme allied commander and the former head of U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

"John lives to help others, build teams, and he takes immense personal pride in witnessing others surpass their own expectations," Breedlove said, according to prepared remarks.

"I owe you my health, my career and my outlook on life itself," he added. "You are a true friend."

Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, the Air Force chief of staff and former commander at USAF, also was on hand Friday for the ceremony attended by Air Force staff.

While active-duty and civilian retirements in the military happen every day, it's rare for four-star commanders to make a point of showing up for the farewell of a midlevel civilian staffer.

Mace retired from active duty in 1985 as Air Force master sergeant after 25 years of service that began with a brief stint in the Army. He stayed on with the Air Force as a civilian, working in executive medicine in Wiesbaden and later at Ramstein, where he has served as an operations officer at one of the Air Force's largest ambulatory-care facilities outside the U.S.

Over the years, Mace has handled treatment for troops and their families, wounded servicemembers and American civilians freed from captivity.

When the Marine Corps barracks in

Beirut was bombed in 1983, killing more than 200 servicemembers, Mace was on the flight line to meet surviving Marines transiting through Germany. He also was on hand when passengers from the hijacking in 1985 of a TWA flight were released and transferred to U.S. medical facilities in Germany.

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**Gen. Philip Breedlove**  
head of U.S.  
European  
Command

"People were in shock. We brought them to a medical center in Wiesbaden for the night to make sure they were OK," said Mace, a North Carolina native.

When hostages passed through Mace's medical unit in Wiesbaden, he'd learn about their experiences firsthand. One of them was Associated Press journalist Terry Anderson, who was released by his Iranian-backed captors in Lebanon in 1991.

"It was interesting to hear how they coped with that long captivity. They all had their own story," Mace said. "And they all had low cholesterol, of course."

When Mace first met the newly released Anderson, he delivered him to a distinguished visitor suite, where a health exam was conducted before his eventual return to

the U.S.

"He said, 'You know what my biggest problem is? The press is asking me to put together a full-day schedule of the things I want to do.' For six years, he had no choice in anything. So for him to now come up with an itinerary for the press just totally dawned him," Mace recalled.

After the Wiesbaden clinic closed in the early 1990s, Mace made the move to Ramstein.

During his long tenure with the Air Force, Mace said, much has changed in military life, and he has a certain nostalgia for the old days when serving in Germany came with few frills or entertainment opportunities on base.

"Back in the beginning, there was more camaraderie, and we were more united," he said. "At best, we had A EX and commissary on the base, not the conveniences we have now, so we stuck together."

Now, with budgets getting cut, services downsizing and some benefits getting trimmed, his parting message to colleagues is for the military community to stick together.

"Today, we need to close ranks," he said. "All branches of service, the guard, the retired force, the civilian workforce, we're a massive, humongous family. But we are not united as we once were. We need to be concerned for each other and solidly united."

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**John Mace, a special operations medical officer with the 86th Medical Group, retired Friday after more than 50 years of active-duty and civilian service in the military.**



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**Terry Anderson, former correspondent for The Associated Press, attends a news conference in Damascus on Dec. 4, 1991. Anderson, who had been held captive by Iranian militants, passed through Mace's medical unit in Wiesbaden after his release.**

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## PACIFIC

# Neighbors wary of China's military buildup

## Most doubtful of mega-country's claim that it is simply bolstering its defense

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China has increased its defense spending dramatically in the last decade to \$131 billion this year, according to its official statements, placing it second only to the United States in military funding.

With a jump of more than 12 percent from 2013, many of its neighbors are unsettled by the buildup that it is simply reclaiming its history as a powerful yet peaceful and defensive-minded nation. Officials point to the harmonious-minded teachings of Confucius and construction of the defensive Great Wall, among other historical evidence.

China is telling critics of the buildup that it is simply reclaiming its history as a powerful yet peaceful and defensive-minded nation. Officials point to the harmonious-minded teachings of Confucius and construction of the defensive Great Wall, among other historical evidence. But that interpretation of Chinese history, which has become an essential tool for the Communist Party of China to assuage its neighbors' anxiety and manage domestic opinion, is at odds with the country's history, Asia scholars say.

They point out that at the height of its power, China used military force — or its threat — to garner land and wealth.

"China uses folklore, myths and legends, as well as history, to bolster greater territorial and maritime claims and create new realities on the land and water," Moha Malik, a China expert at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu, wrote in an essay published last year. "Chinese textbooks preach the notion of the Middle Kingdom as being the oldest and most advanced civilization that was at the very center of the universe, surrounded by lesser, partially Sinitized states in East and Southeast Asia that must constantly bow and pay their respects."

China's reading of history is relevant to the rest of the world for the very fact that it is central to the ideology underpinning the Communist Party of China's foreign policy, particularly important to Xi Jinping, China's president and head of both the CPC and the Central Military Commission.

Xi has emphasized the philosophy of Confucius, a teacher who lived around 500 BC, whose principles were once vilified by the CPC under the leadership of Mao Zedong from the 1950s until his death in 1976.

During a forum on Confucius in Beijing in September, Xi said China's historical traditions "can offer beneficial insights for governance and wise rule," according to the state-owned Xinhua news agency.

"China lives in the past to chart its future," Malik said dur-



Visitors gather to inspect the bow of the Haikou, a Chinese destroyer that arrived in Honolulu in June to participate in the annual Rim of the Pacific exercises. This was the first year China sent ships to the exercises from its navy, which has been dramatically modernized and expanded.

ing an interview with Stars and Stripes.

"It's China's quest to expand its maritime frontiers using the Communist Party's version of history

**'When China was powerful, it was more aggressive, and when China was declining, it became more defensive.'**

Yuan-kang Wang

author of "Harmony and War: Confucian Culture and Chinese Power Politics"

rely more and more on the Chinese Communist Party's version of history to both justify and legitimize the party's rule in China as part of its patriotic education, particularly since the 1989 Tiananmen massacre," Malik said.

An examination of Chinese history reveals that its foreign policy has been strongly correlated to its relative strength as a regional power, said Yuan-kang Wang, an associate professor in the Department of Sociology and School of Public Affairs and Administration at Western Michigan University and author of the book "Harmony and War: Confucian Culture and Chinese Power

Politics."

"When China was powerful, it was more aggressive, and when China was declining, it became more defensive," Wang said.

In his book, Wang examined China's military policies during the Song and Ming dynasties, lasting roughly from 960 to 1644 AD — interrupted by the century-long Mongol occupation from 1279 to 1368.

Wang found that Confucian philosophy about justice, society and leadership had little influence on military decision-making during that era.

"I found no evidence to support that Confucius' culture restrained Chinese aggressiveness," he said. "When China decided to use military force, it was all about a realistic assessment about the balance of power between China and its adversaries. When China was strong, it preferred to use military force against military adversaries. When China was weak, it would shift to a defensive posture."

One example was the Great Wall, which is actually a series of walls built over 2,000 years, the first of which is largely eroded.

The Ming Dynasty was relatively powerful during its first 50 years, during which no construction of the Great Wall took place, Wang said. Emboldened, China engaged in at least eight military campaigns against the Mongols during that period.

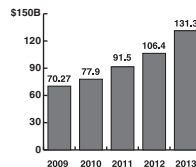
"Around the year 1470, when Chinese power declined, they started to build the Great Wall," he said.

It was also during that early period that Ming troops annexed Vietnam as a province before being overthrown after a harsh 20-year occupation.

The legendary voyages of Zheng He during the early 15th century are routinely presented as an example of China's exceptional lack of aggression as compared with empire-minded Western powers.

The voyages were indeed spectacular. Zheng He's fleet included more than 200 ships, all larger than the Santa Maria sailed by Christopher Columbus. Fifty such ships, accompanied by many smaller boats, carried about 27,000 soldiers to Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, the Middle East and East

### Chinese defense spending grows



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Africa.

However, as Wang and other researchers have noted, a fleet that size sailing into ports inspired an awe that left little need for use of actual force.

"If it's only for peaceful exploration, why would you need to bring that many soldiers with you?" Wang said.

Indeed, Zheng He used force when awe or intimidation failed. Wang said a king on the island now called Sri Lanka was captured and returned to China because he refused to acknowledge Chinese supremacy. There is also evidence from a civil war in what is now Indonesia that the fleet's army supported the side recognized by China.

The fleet also expanded the system of tributes paid to the Ming by leaders of other countries.

Victoria Tin-bor Hui, an associate professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame, said expansionist emperors were glorified in dynastic records, just as they are hyped as the "hallmark of greatness" in China's movies and television dramas today — even if such images negate Xi's message that China was historically peaceful but peaceful.

Wang said such assertions of powerful-but-peaceful history sound good at a rhetorical level, but one only need look at the reaction of other countries in the region to judge reality.

"China's Asian neighbors clearly don't see it that way," Wang said. "They are actually quite concerned about China's rise in military power because what if China uses it against them in the future?"

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## MILITARY

## Centennial search

## Great-grandson scours records to find WWI vet's grave

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
Stars and Stripes

As I walked through New Calvary Cemetery outside Boston, I couldn't help but think about the young men who toiled in the trenches dug throughout Europe's fields and forests a century ago. The whistle would sound, they would clamber over the top and make a mad dash across no man's land, getting caught up on barbed wire, slipping in the mud, as they were torn to pieces by artillery and machine-gun fire or crippled by poison gas, with hand-to-hand combat being their reward if they made it across the field of battle.

After following a path to discover my family history in World War I, I ended up at the cemetery, pondering the indifference exhibited worldwide in regard to the war and the men who shed their blood in it. I was also searching for the unmarked grave of my great-grandfather, Pvt. Elmer Kenneth Gorham, a medic with the 101st Ambulance Company, 26th Yankee Division, Massachusetts Army National Guard.

Finding his final resting place amid the rows of headstones, obelisks and lawn level markers proved to be as difficult as locating his records in the U.S. government archives. The majority of Army personnel records from 1912 through 1959 were destroyed in a fire in 1973, according to researchers from the National Personnel Records Center, which holds one of the largest collections of federal records in the country, including military personnel records. Approximately 16 million to 18 million Army and Air Force files were lost.

As if that wasn't bad enough, the markers of these brave Americans have been swallowed by the earth in cemeteries across the nation. Roadside graves have been disturbed and desecrated across Europe by souvenir hunters and remains picked clean of identifying markers like dog tags, buttons and helmets. Sadly, many of those items wind up in makeshift home museums or auctioned on eBay.

It was a long hard road to find Pvt. Gorham.

According my family, Elmer Sr. had served in the Army during World War I, then in the Marine Corps. He fathered 10 children in the Boston suburbs, where he worked as a railroad electrician.

My grandfather, also named Elmer, was the oldest. He was 15 when his father died in 1939 of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 41.

Elmer Jr., now in his 90s, had served in the Marine Corps during World War II and later the Korean conflict. He had few memories of his father, who worked nights and slept during the day.

I wanted to know more about the man who raised the man who



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The 100th anniversary of World War I in Europe prompted the author to search for his great-grandfather's military records. Though a number of sources, he was able to piece together the path of Pvt. Elmer Kenneth Gorham, an Army medic during the war.

had played a large role in raising me. So I visited the NPRC website in November 2013 and filled out and mailed in the form to make my request.

By February 2014, I had his Marine Corps file from after World War I and a note telling me that his Army records had been burned.

It was little solace, but I did find that Elmer had an "excellent" service record in the Army and that he enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1920 for two years. The record included a grainy picture. In it, he was handsome with short cropped hair, looking much like my grandfather as a young man, yet he appeared weary, with bags under his eyes.

Elmer served on board the USS Pennsylvania, and his unit received a commendation from famed general John Lejeune. However, Lejeune and another famed general, Smedley Butler — for whom bases in North Carolina and Okinawa, Japan, are named — would pursue court-martial proceedings against him for desertion. Massachusetts Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge would write asking for a status update on behalf of the family.

In one instance, Elmer attempted to traverse several states on foot to make it back to his unit. We might never know what happened to him or why he wound up several states away with no money.

He was caught with a criminal and put on trial. He was acquitted in court as he would later be acquitted in the court of military justice, and he was honorably discharged in 1922. His records indicate his sobriety was "excellent."

Rumors swirled in the family that he had gone missing in Europe while World War I raged and that he may have been taken prisoner.

I had to dig deeper. I reached out to the Fort Devens Museum in Devens, Mass. My grandfather had been discharged from Camp Devens after the war. They referred me to the historians at the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

While I never received his records, my persistence paid off. I was able to get a few pay slips and documents with his signature on them.

I discovered that my great-grandfather's division had been

the first full division to deploy to France. He saw action in the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives and the Champagne-Marne defensive, and had cared for the wounded in the Chemin des Dames, Toul-Boucq, Pas Fini, Rupt and Troyon sectors. They also referred me to a dozen books that detailed what his unit had been involved in, including "A Grateful Heart: The History of a World War I Field Hospital" by Michael Shay.

The pieces were starting to come together.

His division had fought the Germans bravely in the trenches, attacking and repelling attacks, and had advanced 33 resisted miles, suffering 2,168 dead and 13,000 wounded. His ambulance company treated many victims of poison gas. They were continuously under fire near the end of the war.

"The wounded came in a steady stream, requiring long hours of duty on the part of the personnel, which also suffered heavily from casualties and carried on only with the greatest difficulty," according to the Report of the Commission on Massachusetts' Part in the World War, a history published in 1931 by the commonwealth.

At last, I had found him.

Cemetery records brought me to a cemetery in Mattapan, a suburb of Boston, and a grave stone that read "Julia Walsh Murdock, 1848-1913." This is where Elmer had been buried in haste without a marker some 75 years earlier in a plot that belonged to family on his wife's side. We have no idea who Julia was.

Not long after our August visit, and after using the records to navigate the world of veterans' benefits, a marker was finally installed in front of Julia's headstone.

Now, Pvt. Gorham belongs to the ages, his name etched in stone along with his service during the Great War. It may fade with time and someday be reclaimed by the earth, but by installing it, we are saying thank you, at least for today, 100 years later.

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## Resources

How to get started on your own journey to find the military records of your family, from Catharine Giordano, of the Stars and Stripes Archives/Library.

## National Archives

Answers many questions, including who can request, what records can be requested and possible fees:

archives.gov/st-louis/archival-programs/military-personnel-archival/omfp/archival-requests.html

## Master Index of Army Records

Lists Army records available from which eras and which repositories have them. Includes things like morning reports and unofficial unit histories:

history.army.mil/reference/records.html

## Library of Congress digitized WWI Stars and Stripes

Choose to browse or search Stars and Stripes by keywords: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/sgphml/sashhtml>

## Stars and Stripes online historic archives

Europe and Pacific editions from 1948-99, as well as the London and Northern Ireland editions from 1942-45: <http://starsandstripes.newspaper-archive.com>

## American Battle Monuments Commission

Agency in charge of America's overseas battle monuments and cemeteries: [abmc.gov](http://abmc.gov)

Includes a search engine to find a grave:

[abmc.gov/search-abmc-burials-and-memorials](http://abmc.gov/search-abmc-burials-and-memorials)

## Veterans Affairs Department

Site locator for military graves in the United States: <http://gravecalculator.cem.va.gov>

## Army's Force Structure and Unit History Branch

Organization is not very user-friendly (especially for a person not fluent in Army lineage language), but has many layers with many nuggets of information. If you dig deep enough: [history.army.mil/unitinfo.html](http://history.army.mil/unitinfo.html)

Some highlights:

■ **Resources for WWI research**, which include order of battle of U.S. Expeditionary Forces:

[history.army.mil/html/bookshelves/resmat/WWI.html](http://history.army.mil/html/bookshelves/resmat/WWI.html)

■ **An extensive lineage series**, which provides information on unit organizational history:

[history.army.mil/html/forcestructure/als.html](http://history.army.mil/html/forcestructure/als.html)

## Naval History and Heritage Command

While the actual deck log of a ship would be held by the National Archives, this FAQ tells you what a deck log is (and that there is no such thing as a captain's log unless you served with Capt. Kirk aboard the Enterprise), what information deck logs hold and what they don't, where deck logs from various eras are stored and how to contact those places: <http://navy.mil/faq/faq73-1.htm#anchor186493>



Left: Pvt. Elmer Kenneth Gorham was buried in haste some 75 years ago in a plot bearing a gravestone with the name of Julia Walsh Murdock. The plot belonged to family on his wife's side. Right: A marker bearing Gorham's name has been installed in front of Walsh Murdock's headstone.

## VETERANS

# 'like the kiss of death'

## Physician says his career was destroyed after he reported problems at Virginia VA facility

By HEATH DRUZIN  
Stars and Stripes

SALEM, Va. — For 24 years, Navy Cmdr. Jeff Hawker served his country, leaving active duty to continue treating his military brethren as a Department of Veterans Affairs doctor. Once he started working at the Salem VA Medical Center, though, he said it took just a few months for officials at the medical center to oust him and to destroy his career after he reported dangerous medical practices.

"You serve and you come back and you run into the corruption and malpractice" of the VA, he said.

At a time when the VA is scrambling to hire doctors to make up for a critical shortfall, Hawker said he was the victim of a so-called "sham peer review," a problem many say is widespread in the VA and little reported because the victims fear bringing attention to their negative reviews.

Hawker said vindictive local VA officials have effectively ended his career after he voiced serious concerns about patient safety at a busy Virginia hospital, including a doctor performing procedures Hawker said he wasn't trained to do and life-threatening medical errors. Worse, Hawker said, veterans there are still at serious risk months after he reported the problems.

His allegations, passed through the office of Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., were enough to trigger a health care inspection by the VA Office of the Inspector General and an investigation by the Virginia Board of Medicine. Those inquiries are ongoing.

"We are working diligently on it," Veterans Affairs IG spokeswoman Catherine Gromek said.

Investigators for the House Veterans Affairs Committee, whose chairman, Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., has aggressively pursued cases of wrongdoing by VA officials, recently invited Hawker to meet with them to discuss his case.

### Discrepancies noted

A Stars and Stripes review of documents related to Hawker's case shows discrepancies in his treatment by the hospital.

Seven months after revelations of data falsification and secret wait lists revealed a nationwide crisis in veterans' health care, most of the officials linked to the scandal are still on the payroll, and fresh reports of malfeasance continue to surface.

Miguel LaPuz, director of the Salem VA Medical Center, strongly denies Hawker's claims of mistreatment and dangerous health care practices.

Do we subscribe to making sure the veterans receive good

care or excellent care?" he said. "Yes we do."

Hawker, who has been unemployed since January, filed a whistleblower protection complaint with the Office of Special Counsel claiming wrongful termination and asking for reinstatement as a VA physician. He said he will wait for that process to play out before deciding whether to file a lawsuit.

The negative review has put "the scarlet letter on my chest," said Hawker, 47.

In October, he had a moving truck rented to take his possessions to Las Vegas, where he thought he had a job waiting for him. At the last minute, he said he got a call from a hospital official saying there would be no job offer because of the Salem review. An earlier offer from a Montana hospital was rescinded for the same reason, Hawker said.

"Basically they've made me unemployable," he said.

### Noticing problems

As a child, Hawker looked up to his Marine father and from a young age dreamed of becoming a pilot. When poor vision derailed his plan, he joined the Navy, which put him through medical school. He stayed on active duty for 24 years as a Navy radiologist and remains in the Navy Reserves.

Jorge Guerra mentored Hawker for two years during his medical residency in Miami and said he was impressed with Hawker's performance and work ethic.

"He was a very good physician," he said.

In October 2010, Hawker deployed to Afghanistan. As an interventional radiologist working in a trauma ward at Camp Leatherneck, a sprawling Marine base in Afghanistan's Helmand province, Hawker saw the worst horrors of the battlefield — shredded limbs, disfigurement, death. He said the sacrifices he saw disturbed and inspired him.

"I'll never forget my first double amputee," he said, shaking his head.

Moved by his experiences in Afghanistan, he opted to become a VA doctor when he retired from the service.

In April 2013, Hawker started work at the Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The center and its five satellite clinics serve more than 110,000 veterans in a 26-county area of southwestern Virginia.

The trouble started almost immediately, Hawker said. When co-workers noticed he was putting in long hours, Hawker said they told him several times that he was upsetting contract doctors paid to pick up hours not covered by the staff.

Hawker didn't heed the warnings.

He said he also noticed unsafe practices in the hospital, one of the most egregious being a mismanagement of a patient who appeared to be having a stroke. When the patient began exhibiting signs of a stroke, a senior doctor did nothing, putting the patient's life at risk, Hawker said. The patient lived, but Hawker was disturbed and said he began lodging his concerns with colleagues and superiors.

LaPuz disputed those allegations and said Hawker never mentioned concerns until after he was fired Jan. 3, 2014.

"He did not bring up the complaints until after the termination," LaPuz said.

According to documents reviewed by Stars and Stripes, Hawker did lodge concerns before being fired. A letter from the office of Rep. Randy Forbes, R-Va., confirming receipt of Hawker's concerns is dated Nov. 12, 2013, nearly two months before he was removed from federal service. Four reports he sent to the Virginia Board of Medicine are dated Nov. 26, 2013.

### 'Climate of fear'

Echoing wider problems across the VA health care system, Hawker said there is a "climate of fear" at the Salem VA, with many employees "looking the other way when they see something wrong for fear of reprisals. After Hawker started reporting unsafe practices, he said one medical technician interrupted him when he brought up a concern.

"She said, 'Dr. Hawker, don't tell me anything — the less I know (the better) I just want to be able to retire,'" he recalled.

Soon after, he got a letter announcing that the hospital would be reducing his salary due to "deficiencies" in his abilities. That letter came just two months after a contradictory letter granting his medical "privileges" after he successfully completed the customary trial period.

That letter, signed by Hawker's boss, Salem VAMC image service chief Rathnakara Shergar, states that following "real-time observation" and review of his work from April to July 2013, Hawker was cleared to treat patients unsupervised. Two months later, he received another letter signed by Shergar, citing his "limited competencies."

Shergar did not respond to requests for comment.

Things soon worsened for Hawker. He was told his work was being reviewed and he was brought in front of a Medical Executive Board that included some of the people he had mentioned in his concerns. They determined he had made errors in patient care and that he was not qualified for his job.



Provided by VA

Navy Cmdr. Jeff Hawker said he was the victim of a "sham peer review" after raising concerns about patient care at the Salem VA Medical Center in Salem, Va.

Before the hospital moved to fire him, he was shown a proficiency report signed by Shergar that gave him an "unsatisfactory" rating for his work during the same time period as Shergar's earlier review that found him competent to perform his duties.

Hawker said he had never been shown either proficiency report until Oct. 17, 2013, three months after the end of the review period listed on the initial report. He suspects the reports were made retroactively to boost the board's case to fire him.

LaPuz denied any records were manipulated. He said Hawker's termination had nothing to do with retaliation and that he was treated fairly.

"It has everything to do with the findings of the case," LaPuz said.

### 'Cloak of secrecy'

James Martin, a doctor and national representative for the American Federation of Government Employees, said he is working on multiple cases of "sham peer reviews" in which VA doctors have been forced out by unethical administrators.

"I've got all kinds of stories," he said.

According to Martin — who's not personally involved in Hawker's case — it's fairly easy for administrators to oust doctors because the entire process is done in house. Doctors who report wrongdoing or malpractice are often judged by the very same people they have criticized.

The problem recently has gotten the attention of Congress.

"We are aware that 'sham peer reviews' are sometimes used within VA to retaliate against employees, and we are working to address the problem legislatively

next Congress," according to an official with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs who can speak for the committee only anonymously.

A VA spokeswoman would not address the issue of sham peer reviews or whether the VA is looking into reforming the review process, instead pointing to measures the department has taken to protect whistleblowers from retaliation.

"The VA is committed to creating an environment in which employees feel free to voice their concerns without fear of reprisal," according to a VA statement released in response to Stars and Stripes' questions.

The problem is less pervasive outside the VA partly because other hospitals tend to have a board of directors providing a check on administrators, Martin said. He would like to see VA peer reviews done on a regional basis, meaning complaints against doctors would be adjudicated by professionals at other hospitals rather than by the doctors' co-workers. That, Martin said, would eliminate most of the conflicts of interest that he said are marring reviews.

"The cloak of secrecy that gives them the power to do these things without transparency," he said about the current in-house process.

VA officials would not say specifically whether they are looking into changing the peer review process.

Unfortunately for doctors who find themselves the victims of such reviews, the results are available for future employers, and it's difficult to get the reviews overturned.

"It's like the kiss of death," Martin said.

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## MILITARY



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Jessica Hansen helps Staff Sgt. Patrick Zeigler, her fiancé, get ready to report to the Warrior Transition Unit for therapy at Fort Hood, Texas, in September 2010. Zeigler, shot four times by Army Maj. Nidal Hasan on Nov. 5, 2009, at Fort Hood, is among the shooting victims awaiting eligibility for the Purple Heart.

## Fort Hood attack victims closer to Purple Hearts

By NOMAN MERCHANT  
The Associated Press

DALLAS — The victims of the 2009 Fort Hood shooting that left 13 dead and more than 30 wounded moved closer Friday to receiving the Purple Hearts many say they are due.

Congress passed a defense policy bill Friday evening that includes a provision making victims of the attacks at the Texas Army post eligible for the Purple Heart. The award given to military personnel wounded in battle also offers increased retirement benefits.

The Department of Defense has denied the award to Fort Hood shooting victims, calling the November 2009 attack an act of workplace violence, not terrorism. That distinction has angered victims who say gunman Nidal Hasan committed a terrorist attack inspired by al-Qaida and an anti-American cleric abroad. Many victims still deal with lingering injuries and have struggled to find work after leaving the military.

A provision sponsored by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, requires the Defense Department to define an "international terrorist attack" as one inspired or motivated by a foreign terrorist group. According to Cornyn's office, the new definition would require the attacker to have been in contact with such a group.

Federal officials have already called Hasan a homegrown violent extremist, and the FBI has released emails Hasan exchanged with a cleric who was killed by an American drone strike in Yemen.

It's unclear when victims might receive Purple Hearts. The Department of Defense is expected to take several months longer to review the Fort Hood cases.

Keely Vanacker, a daughter of Michael Cahill, the lone civilian killed in the attack, said she expected Purple Hearts to move forward once Hasan was convicted and sentenced. Cahill would not be eligible for a Purple Heart, but Cornyn's bill aims to make civil-



COURTNEY PERRY, DALLAS MORNING NEWS/TNS

A soldier salutes during a memorial service for the victims of the Fort Hood shootings in Killeen, Texas, in November 2009.

ians wounded eligible for the Medal for the Defense of Freedom.

"For some of the wounded that I don't think have really had an opportunity to move on yet and have maybe needed this for some closure, I hope they get their closure from this," Vanacker said in a telephone interview.

Hasan, an Army psychiatrist who later labeled himself a religious warrior, was convicted and was sentenced to death in August 2013. He is on death row at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

## Airman cleared of negligent homicide

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A military jury last week cleared a former Spangdahlem Air Base airman — on trial for a second time — of negligent homicide for his role in a high-speed car wreck that killed two fellow airmen more than four years ago.

Airman Basic Alan L. Lindgren was found not guilty of two counts of negligent homicide related to the deaths of Amanda Jotham, 19, and Brandon McDonald, 20.

Lindgren's trial began Monday at Spangdahlem before a panel of officers and enlisted members and concluded Wednesday afternoon, base officials said.

In April 2011, in a trial before a military judge only, Lindgren was convicted on the charge and ended up serving 15 months in prison, although he was allowed to remain in the Air Force.

His case had to be retried after the U.S. Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals dismissed Lindgren's 2011 conviction.

The court ruled that the original charges against Lindgren were missing language — specifically, that his conduct was "in the prejudice of good order and discipline in the armed forces and was of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces." The reversal was based on a decision in a separate case by the military's highest court.

On July 11, 2010, Lindgren lost control of his BMW M-3 on the A-60 between Spangdahlem and Bitburg while driving an estimated 149 mph, according to evidence presented at his first trial. Jotham and McDonald, both airmen first class at the time of their deaths, were passengers in Lindgren's car. It was alleged that Lindgren unlawfully killed Jotham and McDonald by driving a motor vehicle in a negligent manner.

Base officials at Spangdahlem said last week that there were no lesser included offenses for the jury members to make a finding of guilt.

Lindgren could still be discharged from the Air Force. In 2013, he was convicted of a number of drug-related offenses, given a bad conduct discharge and reduced in rank to E-1.

Lindgren is on appellate, unpaid leave pending completion of the appeals process from the 2013 case.

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## US troops at Camp Humphreys set to rotate

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The 2nd Infantry Division, 17th Cavalry Regiment, will begin a nine-month rotational deployment at Camp Humphreys in January, according to the 8th Army.

The 2-6 CAV, based at Schofield

Barracks, Hawaii, will replace the 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, which will return to Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

The 6-17 CAV has been providing aviation reconnaissance and security support to U.S. and South Korean forces under the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade,

2nd Infantry Division, during its nine-month deployment, according to an 8th Army statement Friday.

The upcoming arrival of the 2-6 CAV is the latest in a growing number of rotational deployments to the Korean peninsula.

Supporters say rotational deployments, which involve intact units rather than servicemembers on individual tours, means more stability and less turnover within units.

Officials have not said how many 2-6 CAV soldiers will be part of the deployment.

# WAR ON TERRORISM



People shop at a market in the northern city of Mosul, Iraq, in July. Residents who once supported the Islamic State militant group have become resentful as dwindling supplies lead to shortages and a growing black market for goods.

AP

## High prices, shortages put pressure on Islamic State

BY SAMEER N. YACIOUB  
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Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Saadi Abdul-Rahman was recently forced to pull his three children out of school in the Iraqi city of Mosul, where Islamic State militants have ruled with an iron fist since June. The cost of living has soared there, and the family is barely able to make ends meet, even after putting the kids to work.

"We are not able to pay for cooking gas, kerosene and food," the 56-year-old retired government worker said. "The situation in Mosul is miserable."

The economy in the self-styled "caliphate" declared by the Islamic State group bridging Iraq and Syria is starting to show signs of strain. Prices of most staples have more than doubled as coalition airstrikes make it difficult for products to move into and out of militant strongholds, leading to shortages, price-gouging and the creation of black markets.

Resentment has grown among residents under the rule of the extremists, who initially won support with their ability to deliver services.

In the early days of its rule, the Islamic State group subsidized food and gas prices through the wealth it accumulated from oil smuggling, extortion and ransom demands. They sold their smuggled oil at a discount — \$25 to \$60 per barrel for oil that normally cost \$100 per barrel or more, according to analysts and government officials.

But in recent weeks, prices have soared in militant-held cities. Items like kerosene, used for heating and cooking, are in short supply, while others, such as alcohol and cigarettes, strictly banned by the group, are making a comeback at higher prices on the black market.

Smoking is a punishable offense in militant-held Mosul. But at a warehouse on the outskirts of the city, cigarettes, as well as hard-to-come-by essentials like kerosene, can be found at hugely inflated prices on a black market run by the extremists. There, a pack of cigarettes sells for 30,000 dinars — the equivalent of \$26 — more than double the pre-caliphate price, according to residents who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

The militants "are developing an unsustainable economy," said Paul Sullivan, an expert on Middle East economies at the National Defense University in Washington. "Eventually the costs of keeping the subsidies and price controls going will overpower their smuggling funds, which are also used for offensive and defensive actions."

## UN is still struggling to move aid into Syria

BY DEB RIECHMANN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.N.'s decision in July to begin moving aid into war-torn Syria without the consent of President Bashar Assad was heralded as unprecedented. It was the first time that humanitarian need trumped a nation's sovereignty.

Five months later, aid workers are dismayed that more trucks loaded with U.N. aid aren't moving into Syria, where civilians are dodging bullets and barrel bombs in the crossfire of a war that has killed 200,000. Despite their disappointment, they still want the U.N. Security Council this week to renew a resolution that permits the U.N. aid to move through four border crossings — two in Turkey, one in Jordan and one in Iraq — without Assad's blessing.

The U.N. humanitarian office has said that if security allowed, U.N. aid trucked through the four crossings could reach 2.9 million people, complementing the much higher levels of cross-border aid that nongovernmental organizations have been moving into the country for years. So far, the number of people who have benefited from aid delivered under terms of the resolution is in the hundreds of thousands, not the millions.

"While some progress has been made, over 12 million people still urgently need help," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon wrote late last month. "Nearly 5 million of them live in areas that

remain hard to reach despite the additional access granted through Resolution 2165, and only a portion are receiving humanitarian assistance."

He said the resolution had enabled U.N. agencies and partners to reach more places where assistance is urgently needed. But "needs continue to rise and the situation on the ground continues to deteriorate."

Before the resolution was adopted, the U.N. and its partners were getting aid to 38 hard-to-reach areas per month. Since its adoption, an average of 66 of those areas are reached each month.

Resolution 2165, which was approved for six months, is set to expire on Jan. 9. U.N. diplomats say they hope to vote on renewing it for a full year this week.

A half-dozen aid officials and workers told The Associated Press in interviews that the cross-border U.N. aid has been slowly increasing. They say it is hampered by fighting, militant roadblocks, bureaucratic and logistical delays, poor coordination and — in some cases — the aid community's fear of angering the Syrian government because it needs its help with other projects in the country.

The aid workers all spoke on condition of anonymity because they said speaking publicly would make them targets for extremist militants and potentially damage their working relationships with the U.N.

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## India questions man over pro-militant tweets

BANGALORE, India — Police in southern India questioned a man who they say acknowledged running a popular pro-Islamic State group Twitter account but appears to have no direct links to the militant group.

Mehdi Masroor Biswas, 24, an engineer, was questioned by authorities Saturday, Bangalore's top police official, M.N. Reddy, told reporters. He said police have no evidence directly linking him to militants.

"He appears to have been only

majority active in the virtual world," Reddy said.

Britain's Channel 4 on Friday uncovered the identity of the man who it said used the Twitter account @shamiwitness.

The account has been deleted, but Channel 4 described Biswas as one of the militant group's most influential Twitter supporters, with 17,000 followers and more than 2 million views each month. Shami Witness was a "leading conduit of information between jihadists, supporters and recruits," it said.

From The Associated Press

# NATION



JOHN MINICILLO/AP

A man dressed as Santa Claus holds a beer as he participates in SantaCon on a rooftop bar Saturday in New York.

## SantaCon kicks off with hopes of less naughtiness

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The annual pub crawl featuring thousands of drunken Santas on the streets of New York City began Saturday with a lawyer's lecture after complaints about participants' wild behavior.

The annual holiday flash-mob-meets-party called SantaCon fell on the same day as a planned protest over killings by police, prompting organizers to try to calm things down.

Civil liberties lawyer Norman Siegel addressed the SantaCon crowd in Times Square about the government's right to reasonably regulate the event.

SantaCon organizers instructed participants to stick to bars that welcome them and party inside instead of on the streets.

"It's more important this year than ever to pace yourself, watch out for your elves and stay safe," the event's website warns, adding that bad behavior may mean no SantaCon next year.

The event has faced mounting

pressure from politicians, police and community groups as it has grown from hundreds to thousands of costumed participants in roughly a decade.

Afficionados say SantaCon is lighthearted communal fun that tweaks the nose of Christmastime consumerism. Organizers stress that last year's event raised about \$60,000 for charities.

But some residents see SantaCon as an onslaught of crass Santa Clauses, inebriated elves and anything-but-grandmotherly Mrs. Clauses. There have been two arrests and 85 summonses for disorderly conduct, open alcohol containers and other offenses during the last two SantaCons, and an online video captured people in Santa suits fighting on the evening of last year's event.

Last year, residents of Manhattan's bar-filled Lower East Side posted "SantaCon free zone" signs, and local commuter railroads began banning alcoholic drinks on their trains during the gathering.

# Demonstrators across US protest shootings by police

By MATTHEW BARAKAT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Demonstrators nationwide protesting the fatal shootings of unarmed black men killed by police chanted "I can't breathe!" and "Hands up, don't shoot!" and waved signs that read "Black lives matter!" as family members of three victims packed a stage in front of the U.S. Capitol, urging thousands of supportive marchers to keep pressing for changes to the criminal justice system.

The march in Washington on Saturday — attended by family members for Michael Brown and Eric Garner, who were killed by police in recent months, and Amadou Diallo, who was fatally shot by police more than 15 years ago — coincided with nationwide demonstrations that spanned from iconic Fifth Avenue in New York to the streets of San Francisco and the steps of the Boston Statehouse. Most were peaceful protests, although about two dozen people were arrested in the Massachusetts capital for disorderly conduct.

"My husband was a quiet man, but he's making a lot of noise right now," said Washington protest marcher Esaw Garner, widow of Eric Garner, 43, who died in July after being put in a chokehold by New York City police during an arrest for allegedly selling loose, untaxed cigarettes.

"His voice will be heard," she said. "I have five children in this world and we are fighting not just for him but for everybody's future, for everybody's past, for everybody's present, and we need



JAMES ROBINSON, PENN.LIVE.COM/AP

Emmanuel Williams leads the chant on the steps of the Pennsylvania State Capitol in Harrisburg on Saturday to protest the deaths of unarmed black men at the hands of police in Ferguson, Mo., New York and elsewhere.

to make it strong." Nationally, chanting demonstrators also staged "die-ins" as they lay down across intersections and in one city briefly scuffled with police blocking an onramp to a highway.

New York City police said two officers were assaulted by protesters on the Brooklyn Bridge when they tried to arrest a man who was attempting to toss a garbage can onto police officers below. Some marchers then blocked traffic on the bridge for about an hour. Police said the officers were treated for bumps and bruises, including a broken nose.

Diallo's mother, Kadiatou Diallo, reflected on how the same issues being debated today were debated when her son was killed in the Bronx by four New York City police officers in 1999.

"We've been there so many times," she said. "Today we are standing still and demanding the same thing."

Meanwhile, at the University of California, Berkeley, police removed life-sized photographs of lynching victims that had been hung at the campus. Investigators believe they were connected to a smaller protest in Berkeley last noon.



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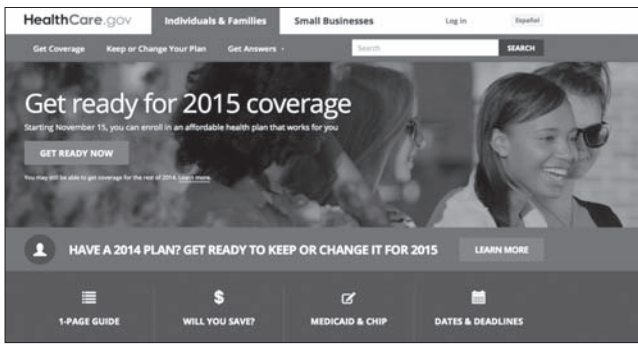
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## NATION



A screen shot shows the home page of HealthCare.gov, the federal government website managed by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service.

# Insurance deadline nears

New customers must pick a health plan by Monday at midnight PDT

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's push to cover America's uninsured faces another big test Monday.

This time, it's not only how the website functions but how well the federal staff works for millions who are starting to count on it.

Midnight Monday, Pacific time, is the deadline for new customers to pick a health plan that will take effect Jan. 1 and for current enrollees to make changes that could reduce premium increases ahead of the new year.

HealthCare.gov and state insurance websites are preparing for heavy online traffic before the deadline, which gives consumers in the East three hours on Tues-

day to enroll.

Wait times at the federal call center started creeping up recently, mainly due to a surge of current customers with questions about their coverage for next year. Many will face higher premiums, although they could ease the hit by shopping online for a better deal. Counselors reported hold times of 20 minutes or longer for the telephone help line.

About 6.7 million people now have coverage through Obama's signature law, which offers subsidized private insurance. The administration wants to increase that to 9.1 million in 2015. To do that, the program will have to keep most of its current enrollees while signing up more than 2 million new paying customers.

People no longer can be turned

down because of health problems, but picking insurance still is daunting for many consumers. They also have to navigate the process of applying for or updating federal subsidies, which can be complex for certain people, including immigrants. Many returning customers are contending with premium increases generally in the mid to high single digits, but much more in some cases.

Consumers understand it's complicated, but they appreciate the ability to get health insurance," said Elizabeth Colvin, of Foundation Communities, an Austin, Texas, nonprofit that is helping sign up low-income residents. "People who haven't gone through the process don't understand how complicated it is."

# Ore. high school shooter tied to gang

BY JONATHAN J. COOPER  
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A man arrested in connection with a shooting outside an alternative high school in Portland had ties to a gang, as did two of the victims, police said Saturday.

Sgt. Pete Simpson said Lonzo Murphy, 22, is a "person of interest" in the Friday shooting, but officers aren't prepared to say whether he was the gunman, Simpson said.

Authorities are trying to find two other people connected to the shooting near Rosemary Anderson High School. Three people were hospitalized, including a 16-year-old girl who was critically wounded, and a fourth person was grazed by a bullet and treated at the scene.

"The nexus of it had to do with gang activity," Simpson told reporters outside police headquarters. "The proximity to the school was happenstance, if you will. It



GREG WAHL-STEFENIS/AP

Police guide students after a shooting at Rosemary Anderson High School in Portland, Ore., on Friday.

doesn't sound like it had anything to do directly with the school."

Investigators received information that led them to look for Murphy, Simpson said. He was pulled over early Saturday and arrested on a parole violation. Officers found a handgun "consistent with what we were looking for related to this case," Simpson said, but officers can't say yet whether it

was tied to the shooting.

After the arrest, investigators searched Murphy's apartment, which is five blocks from the shooting scene.

School officials planned to hold an open-house Sunday so students, staff and community members could drop in, be together and get support, the (Portland) Oregonian reported.

# Bill: Both parties upset about portions of spending legislation

## FROM FRONT PAGE

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., rebutted instantly, saying Cruz was "wrong, wrong, wrong on several counts," and even Republicans who oppose Obama's policy abandoned the Texas.

The spending bill, which cleared the House on Thursday, was the item left in Congress's year-end agenda and exposed fissures within both political parties in both houses.

It faced opposition from Democratic liberals upset about the repeal of a banking regulation and Republican conservatives unhappy that it failed to challenge Obama's immigration moves.

While the legislation assures funding for nearly the entire government until next fall, it made an exception of the Department of Homeland Security. Money for the agency will run out on Feb. 27, when Republicans intend to try to force the president to roll back an immigration policy that removes the threat of deportation from millions of immigrants living in the United States illegally.

The legislation locks in spending levels negotiated in recent years between Republicans and Democrats, and includes a number of provisions that reflect the priorities of one party or the other, from the environment to abortion to the legalization of marijuana in the District of Columbia.

One provision, which drew vehement objections from the Democrats, would repeal a regulation imposed on banks in the wake of the economic collapse of 2008. Critics called it a bailout for large financial institutions, but more than 70 House Democrats voted for it previously, and Obama made clear he didn't view it as a deal-breaker.

The pension provision was a bipartisan agreement that opens the door for the first time to benefit cuts for current retirees covered by multi-employer funds in shaky financial condition. Supporters said it would protect retirement income to the maximum extent possible without also endangering the solvency of the government fund that guarantees multi-employer plans. Critics said it posed a threat to the pension recipients and that it could also become a precedent for other pensioners.

Immigration was at the heart of the day's events in the Senate.

Cruz seized on the issue late Friday night when he tried to challenge the bill. That led swiftly to the unraveling of an informal bipartisan agreement to give the Senate the weekend off, with a vote on final passage of the bill deferred until early this week.

That, in turn, led Reid to call for an all-day Senate session devoted almost exclusively to beginning time-consuming work on confirming the 13 judicial appointees and 11 nominees to administration posts.

As the day wore on, senators were forced to spend hour after hour on the Senate floor to cast their votes. One, Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., sat at her desk quietly for a while reading a book.

# Some things the legislation would affect

The Associated Press

School kids, truckers, marijuana smokers and fans of old-fashioned light bulbs are among millions of Americans with something extra riding on passage of the giant spending bill.

■ **School lunches.** Eases rules requiring more whole grains in school lunches and suspends the lower sodium standards due to take effect in 2017, while keeping other healthy eating rules. Some school nutrition directors — and some students complaining of yucky lunches — lobbied for a break from the standards championed by first lady Michelle Obama.

■ **Truck safety.** Rolls back safety rules that were supposed to keep sleepy truckers from causing wrecks. The government's rules had required shorter hours for drivers' maximum workweek from 82 hours to 70. The trucking industry fought back.

■ **Marijuana.** Offers a mixed bag for pot smokers. The bill blocks the Justice Department from raiding medical marijuana dispensaries in states that permit them. But it also blocks federal and local spending to legalize marijuana in Washington, where voters approved recreational use in a November referendum.

■ **Light bulbs.** Attempts to switch off federal rules that are making it harder to find old-fashioned incandescent bulbs. The bill extends a ban on the government spending money to enforce the ongoing phaseout of incandescent bulbs. It may not have much effect, since manufacturers and stores are already well into the switch to spiral bulbs and other energy-saving alternatives.

■ **Hunting and fishing.** Prohibits the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating lead in ammunition or fishing tackle. Lead in fishing sinkers and bullet fragments are being blamed for poisoning birds, such as loons and the endangered California condor.

■ **Official portraits.** Continues a ban on spending money on portraits of Cabinet secretaries, Congress members and other big shots, a Washington tradition that some lawmakers felt had gotten out of hand.

■ **The Capitol dome.** Topping it all off, spends \$21 million to continue restoration of the leaky, cracked U.S. Capitol dome.

## WORLD

# Scores in Indonesia killed by landslide

By BAYU SASONGKO  
The Associated Press

BANJARNEGARA, Indonesia — Rescuers pulled more bodies from the debris Sunday after heavy rain in central Indonesia loosened soil and collapsed a hill, setting off a landslide that killed at least 32 villagers and left 76 others missing under piles of mud.

About 2,000 rescuers, including soldiers, police and volunteers, were digging through the mud and the wreckage of crumpled homes, getting some relief from clear weather following days of heavy rain. Excavators, meanwhile, shoveled aside earth and the remains of decimated wooden homes.

Residents of Jemblung village in Central Java province's Banjarnegara district said they heard a roaring sound followed by the raining down of red soil that buried more than 100 houses late Friday.

"The landslide looked like it was spinning down," said one resident, Subroto, who like many Indonesians uses only one name. "I managed to rescue a pregnant woman, but could not save the other man."

He said one side of the hill collapsed, then another. "In five minutes, there were three (major landslides) and they swept away everything," Subroto said.

By late afternoon Sunday, 32 bodies had been pulled from the debris, while hopes faded that the 76 people still missing would be found alive, said Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, the spokesman for Indonesia's Disaster Mitigation Agency.

Many roads and bridges were destroyed,



A.K. HENDRATMO/AP

**Rescuers on Sunday pull the body of a victim from the mud after a landslide swept away a village on Friday in Jemblung, Central Java, Indonesia. Heavy rain loosened soil and collapsed a hill, setting off the landslide that left dozens of people dead or missing.**

hampering rescue efforts, Nugroho said.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo arrived at the scene Sunday. He pledged to relocate the hundreds of people left homeless by the disaster, and assured that the government would help provide aid for those who were injured. Eleven injured villagers were hospitalized.

Many people in Jemblung village said they were aware that the earth on the 150-yard hill that flanked their remote farming village may not hold. After hearing a deep rumbling sound just after dusk Friday, some fled to safer ground.

But others were either at home or at the local mosque when the mud, rocks and trees tumbled onto their village.

Wawan Wahyuni, 20, a farmer, said he

watched helplessly as his grandfather and dozens of his neighbors disappeared beneath mud more than 20 feet deep in some spots.

"I saw them buried alive," Wahyuni said. "They were yelling 'Allah Akbar! (God is great!)' before being slowly buried."

Wahyuni was buried up to his chest until survivors rescued him seven hours later.

Banjarnegara is on Indonesia's most densely populated island of Java, about 285 miles east of Jakarta.

Seasonal rains and high tides in recent days have caused dozens of landslides and widespread flooding across much of Indonesia, a chain of 17,000 islands where millions of people live in mountainous areas or near fertile, flood-prone plains close to rivers.

# Russia, Sweden at odds on flights

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's Defense Ministry on Sunday denied Swedish claims that for the second time this year a Russian military aircraft had nearly collided with a passenger jet over Sweden, insisting that the two planes were never less than 42 miles apart.

Swedish officials said the Russian intelligence plane had turned off its transponders to avoid commercial radar and came dangerously close to colliding with a passenger jet that had taken off from Copenhagen on Friday.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said the military aircraft was operating in compliance with rules governing international airspace and was flying at a safe distance from routes used by civilian flights.

"There were no prerequisites for an air accident," he said in a statement carried by Russian news agencies.

Sweden's air force chief, Maj. Gen. Micael Byden, said Saturday that the incident in international air space looked "pretty serious" and the commercial flight was immediately ordered to change course, but it was not as serious as in March when a Russian plane flying without transponders came within 300 feet of an SAS plane.

Russia has increased its military presence in the Baltic Sea area as tensions with the West have spiked over the conflict in Ukraine. NATO also has air patrols over the Baltic Sea and rotates NATO military units in and out of member countries in the region.

# Journalists, police among the detained in Turkish raids

By SUZAN FRASER  
The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Police conducted raids in a dozen Turkish cities Sunday, detaining at least 24 people — including journalists, TV producers and police — known to be close to a movement led by a U.S.-based moderate Islamic cleric who is a strong critic of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

It was the latest crackdown on cleric Fethullah Gulen's movement, which the government has accused of orchestrating a plot to try to bring it down. The government says the group's followers were behind corruption allegations last year that forced four Cabinet ministers to resign.

Gulen, who lives in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania, denies the accusations.

During a speech on Saturday, Erdogan vowed to "bring down

the network of treachery and make it pay."

The state-run Anadolu Agency said a court issued a warrant to arrest 32 people connected to the movement, and that 24 of them were detained in raids in Istanbul and other cities across Turkey on Sunday. They included Ekrem Dumanli, the chief editor of Zaman newspaper, who was taken into custody at his paper's Istanbul headquarters, which was broadcast live on television.

Those with arrest warrants included Hidayet Karaca, the chief executive of Samanyolu television, as well producers of two of its TV shows. Both Zaman and Samanyolu are affiliated with the movement.

Anadolu said those detained are suspected of "using intimidation and threats" to try to wrest control of state power. The state-run news agency said some of the police officers detained are sus-

pected of fabricating crimes and evidence while investigating an organization close to the al-Qaida terrorist network back in 2010.

Hundreds of supporters gathered outside Zaman's headquarters to protest the detention of Dumanli and other suspects, shouting: "Free press cannot be silenced."

Turkey's journalism associations also denounced the raids targeting journalists, while Human Rights Watch said the detentions look "like another attempt to crack down on critical media."

Several police officers believed to be close to Gulen's movement were arrested earlier this year for alleged illegal wiretaps and other charges. The government has said it wants Gulen extradited to Turkey from the United States. Many see his moderate movement as an alternative to the more radical interpretations of Islam.



AP

**Ekrem Dumanli, editor-in-chief of the Zaman newspaper, salutes cheering supporters as he is detained outside his office in Istanbul on Sunday during police raids in a dozen Turkish cities.**

## WORLD

# Japan's ruling party heads for landslide win

By KEN MORITSUGU  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's ruling coalition was headed for a resounding victory in lower house elections Sunday, firming up Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's hold on power as he prepares to push forward on several politically difficult fronts.

Media projections, based on exit polls, showed the ruling Liberal Democratic Party easily retaining its majority in the House of Representatives. Exit polls have been reliable predictors of the final results in past Japanese elections.

The Liberal Democrats, a conservative party that has been in power for most of the post-World

War II era, appeared to have fallen short of securing a two-thirds majority on their own, but may have done so together with their coalition partner, the Buddhist-backed Komei party.

In early returns, the two parties already had locked up 278 seats in the 475-seat lower house, according to national broadcaster NHK.

A big victory could help Abe pursue his agenda, including economic reforms, nuclear plant restarts and his long-term goal of revising Japan's constitution. But opposition from vested interests and sizable segments of the public could still stymie his plans.

Abe, who took office two years ago, called Sunday's snap elec-

tion last month, saying he wanted a fresh mandate for his economic revitalization program, known as Abenomics.

Share prices have risen and many companies have reported record profits, but the recovery has faltered in recent months, with the country returning to recession after a sales tax increase chilled demand among consumers and businesses.

"I believe this shows that voters gave the Abe administration a positive evaluation over the past two years," said Finance Minister Taro Aso, who retained his seat in parliament. "Abenomics is still halfway through, and I feel a strong sense of responsibility to push it further."

The election was seen as less of a verdict on Abe's policies than an acquiescence to the ruling party's growing power. Despite weakening popularity ratings, a recession and messy campaign finance scandals, the Liberal Democrats were virtually certain to triumph thanks to voter apathy and a weak opposition.

The popularity of the Democratic Party of Japan, which held power from 2009 to 2012, plunged after it failed to deliver on campaign pledges and struggled in the aftermath of the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disasters.

"I think Mr. Abe is the only choice we have considering from what I heard and saw in the reports," retiree Hiroshi Yamada

said as he came out of a downtown Tokyo polling station.

Abe's agenda includes trying to carry out economic reforms and securing a trans-Pacific trade agreement, both of which face stiff opposition from the farm lobby and others.

He also hopes to begin restarting some of the nation's nuclear power plants, despite continued public worries after the meltdowns at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Another thorny issue will be legislation needed to expand Japan's military role, an important step for Washington, which wants Japan to play a bigger part in their alliance.



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

Korean Air chairman Cho Yang-ho bows Friday at the company's head office in Seoul, South Korea, during an apology for the behavior of his adult daughter, who delayed a flight in an incident now dubbed "nut rage."

## Crew member in Korean Air 'nut rage' says he was insulted and asked to lie

By YOUKYUNG LEE  
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A Korean Air flight attendant described being insulted and shamed by the airline's executive who ordered him removed and the plane returned over macadamia nuts, and then being asked to lie about the incident to investigators.

The "nut rage" drama has captivated South Korea with tales of outrageous behavior followed by public apologies from the executive and her father, the airline's chairman.

Cho Hyun-ah, who has since resigned as head of cabin service at Korean Air, was angered when a flight attendant in first class offered her macadamia nuts in a bag, not on a plate. She ordered him off the plane and forced the flight to return to the gate at John F. Kennedy airport in New York City.

"People who haven't experienced will not understand that

feeling of being insulted and shamed," senior flight attendant Park Chang-jin told South Korea's KBS television network on Friday.

After being confronted about the nuts, he said he and his colleague knelt down before Cho. He said Cho poked the back of his hand with a corner of the flight manual book several times.

According to Park, Cho yelled at the crew to "call right now and stop the plane. I will stop this plane from leaving," Park said that in such a situation, he could not dare to refuse the "owner's daughter." When Park returned to South Korea on a separate flight after being forced out from the plane, five to six officials from Korean Air came to visit his home every day and asked him to give a false account to authorities of what happened, he told KBS. The officials asked him to tell investigators that Cho did not use abusive language and that he voluntarily

got off the plane, Park said.

Korean Air confirmed that Park was the senior flight attendant — or head of cabin crew — who was on the flight with Cho Hyun-ah and who had to leave the plane. The company declined to comment on the matter under investigation by the transport ministry and prosecutors.

On Friday, in her first public appearance since the incident, a gloomy-faced Cho bowed and said "I sincerely apologize. I'm sorry," before droves of journalists in an almost inaudible, trembling voice. She said she will meet the victimized crew member and "apologize sincerely."

She is facing questioning over the possibility her actions violated aviation safety law.

Hours before her apology, Korean Air Chairman Cho Yang-ho also made a deep bow before journalists. He called his daughter's behavior foolish and said he regrets he didn't raise her better.

## US man illegally in N. Korea says he has not been detained

The Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — North Korea on Sunday presented to the media an American man who says he illegally crossed into the country but has not been put into custody and is seeking asylum in Venezuela.

Arturo Pierre Martinez, 29, of El Paso, Texas, said he entered North Korea by crossing the river border with China. Details of how and when he got into the country were not immediately clear.

In his comments to reporters, Martinez strongly criticized the U.S. for alleged human rights violations.

Martinez's mother, Patricia Eugenia Martinez, of El Paso, told CNN that her son was bipolar and earlier had tried to enter North Korea by swimming across a river, but was stopped and shipped back to the United States, where he was placed in a California psychiatric hospital. "Then he got out," she told the network. "He is very smart and he got the court to let him out, and instead of coming home to us, he bought a ticket and left for China. He took out a payday loan online

and left for China."

She said the U.S. Embassy in Beijing was looking for him.

Martinez made his comments at the People's Palace of Culture, which North Korean authorities have used in recent years for news conferences where they present

North Korean defectors who have returned to North Korea or, at least one occasion, a South Korean citizen who was detained in North Korea. It is also used for signing ceremonies between North Korea and other countries.

His comments came amid North Korea's own loud protests of a resolution in the United Nations that could open the door for its leaders to face charges of crimes against humanity for human rights violations, raising questions of whether Martinez was trotted out to the media for propaganda purposes.

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ous for rough behavior.

For years, China's tourism officials have been urging Chinese tourists to behave with civility when abroad, and even Chinese President Xi Jinping, during a recent visit to the Maldives, asked the Chinese not to litter and destroy coral reefs.

The Chinese tourism administration did not say what punishment the tourists could face, but the statement suggested that the lead tour guide for the trip be punished for failing to offer proper behavior guidance and that the tourists be blacklisted for bad conduct.

From The Associated Press

## China to punish tourists in Thai air rage assault

BEIJING — Chinese authorities vowed to severely punish Chinese travelers who threw hot water and noodles onto a Thai flight attendant and threatened to blow up the plane after they became enraged over sitting arrangements.

China National Tourism Administration said Saturday the tourists disrupted the flight, hurt other passengers and "badly damaged the overall image of the Chinese people." It comes at a time when the Chinese are traveling more but also becoming notori-



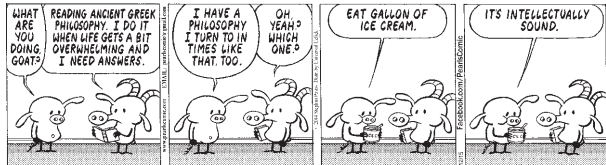
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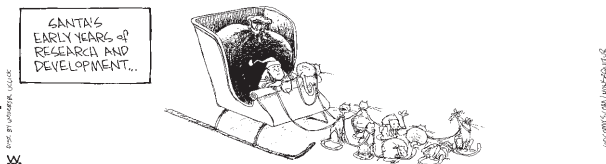
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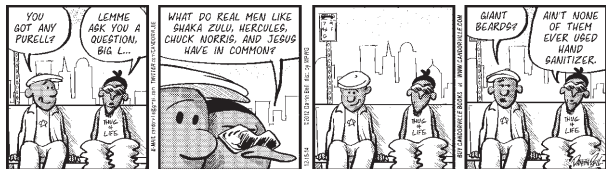
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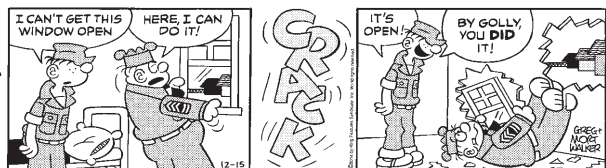
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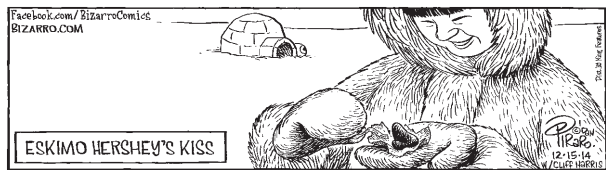
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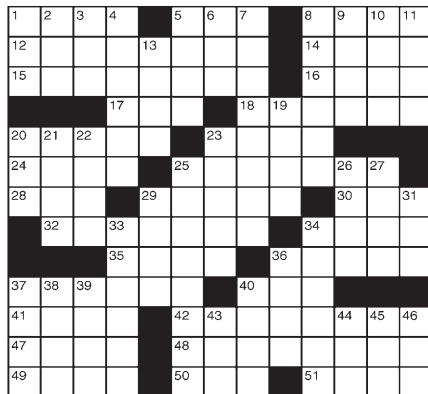
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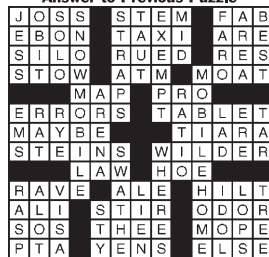
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## SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

## Men magnets

## Science proves the power of high heels

By THOMAS ADAMSON  
The Associated Press

**T**he well-heeled Marilyn Monroe once said, "Give a girl the right shoes and she can conquer the world."

The allure of high-heeled shoes is no secret among women, who have used them to entice men from the streets of ancient Rome to the New York City sidewalks of Carrie Bradshaw. Heels have also been a controversial symbol in the battleground of sexual politics.

Now a scientific study in France has measured their power.

Scientists from the Université de Bretagne-Sud conducted experiments that showed that men behave very differently toward high-heeled women. The results, published online in the journal "Archives of Sexual Behaviour," may please the purveyors of Christian Louboutin or Jimmy Choo shoes — yet frustrate those who think stilettos encourage sexism.

The study found that if a woman drops a glove on the street while wearing heels, she's almost 50 percent more likely to have a man fetch it for her than if she's wearing flats.

Another finding: A woman wearing heels is twice as likely to persuade men to stop and answer survey questions on the street. And a high-heeled woman in a bar waits half the time to get picked up by a man,

compared to when her heel is nearer to the ground.

"Women's shoe heel size exerts a powerful effect on men's behavior," said the study's author, Nicolas Gueguen, a behavioral science researcher. "Simply put, they make women more beautiful."

Raised shoes have an unglamorous beginning, worn first by Egyptian butchers, who donned platforms to avoid treading in bloody offal.

But on women as "signifiers of femininity," raised shoes initially appeared in Ancient Greece and Rome, according to Elizabeth Semmelhack, of The Bata Shoe Museum. In Rome, where the sex trade was legal, high heels helped clients identify prostitutes in crowds.

Although high heels were worn for centuries in the Ottoman Empire and in Persia for horseback riding, they only minced into the West only in the 1500s, when they were associated with imperial power and popularized as erotic in the 19th and 20th centuries. Such was the allure that a person with status or wealth became referred to as "well-heeled."

The study shows this allure is very much alive.

"Though it's a relatively small cross-section, this study is very significant since the results are clear and consistent," said Paris-based sociologist Jean-Claude Kaufmann, who was not involved in the study. "In a relation of seduction, men are very attracted by a woman in heels as she looks taller, more sexually confident, sure of herself, with a lengthened silhouette and sensual jutting buttocks."

Gueguen's study had 19-year-old female volunteers wearing black shoes with heels that were

inches or 2 inches or 3½ inches high. Then they asked men between the ages of 25 and 50 for help in various circumstances.

One situation involved a woman asking passers-by: "Excuse me, sir. We are currently conducting a survey on gender equality. Would you agree to answer our questionnaire?"

Flat heels got a 46.7 percent answer rate, medium heels a 63 percent rate and the highest heels a whopping 83 percent success rate from the men.

Nowadays, the most fashionable heels on the runways and in nightclubs are higher still — with spiked heels commonly measuring 4 inches and extreme heels, dangerously, above 5 inches.

Medically, high heels can cause back pain and increase the risk of ankle injuries. Prolonged heel wearing can even permanently shorten calf tendons.

And in social terms, women's rights

advocates have objected to high heels, saying they reinforce a misogynist stereotype: women as sex objects to be ogled by men.

"If a woman... never takes off her high-heeled shoes, how will she ever know how far she could walk or how fast she could run?" famed feminist and flats-wearer Germaine Greer author of "The Female Eunuch," once asked.

Those who disagree note that high heels have other uses.

"Heels don't subordinate women — they empower them in romance," said Kaufmann. "The important thing to remember in seduction is that it's all a game."

**'In a relation of seduction, men are very attracted by a woman in heels as she looks taller, more sexually confident, sure of herself, with a lengthened silhouette and sensual, jutting buttocks.'**

Jean-Claude Kaufmann  
sociologist

## FACES

# Alfre Woodard takes command on TV series

By RICK BENTLEY  
The Fresno Bee

When the producers of the new Katherine Heigl political series, "State of Affairs," airing Tuesdays on AFN-Family, were putting the show together, they could have gone the easy route and had the president be played by a white male. They could be bold and have the president be a woman or a minority.

They elected to do both, casting the talented Alfre Woodard as the president. She has both a professional connection to Heigl's character (a high-level CIA analyst) and through her dead son, who was Heigl's character's fiancé (played by Mark Tallman in flashbacks).

Woodard loves that her role wasn't cast in a safe way. "I think the gorilla in the room is we all know that the world will not spin off its axis if there's an African-American as president. So the gorilla in the room is that I'm a woman. And, hopefully, everybody will get accustomed to saying 'Madam President' in their homes, and so we won't freak out when there is a Madam President."

"State of Affairs" executive producer Joe Carnahan jokes that Woodard makes everyone call her Madam President now.

The new series is just the latest in a long line of work for Woodard, an Oklahoma native. Since her first professional work in the late '70s, Woodard has worked in TV ("St. Elsewhere," "Frasier") and movies ("Star Trek: First Contact," "Beauty Shop," "12 Years a Slave"). Now she can add Commander in Chief to her credentials.

Alfre Woodard  
NBC



## Iggy Azalea joining New Year's Eve special

Iggy Azalea is among the stars joining, the next "New Year's Rockin' Eve."

Producers of ABC's "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest 2015" said Dec. 10 that Azalea, Bastille, Jason Derulo, Pentatonix and Rixton will be joining the celebration from the Billboard Hollywood party hosted by Fergie.

The Times Square celebration in New York, which culminates with the famed midnight ball drop, will include Taylor Swift and Florida Georgia Line among previously announced acts. It will be Seacrest's 10th year hosting the annual countdown that was originated by the late Dick Clark, the legendary TV and radio personality who presented the show for decades.



OVEN SWEENEY, INVISION/AP

Iggy Azalea — in concert at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia on Dec. 10 — will appear on "New Year's Rockin' Eve."

## Actor sues over restaurant chain

The actor who played Jethro Bodine in the 1960s television series "The Beverly Hillbillies" is suing CBS, arguing the broadcaster made inappropriate deals with an Iowa restaurant chain to use the character's name.

Max Baer Jr. filed a lawsuit Dec. 9 arguing that he had reached a deal with CBS giving him rights to use the TV character to establish a chain of restaurants, hotels and casinos.

The Des Moines Register reports the lawsuit argues that Baer's rights to the character have been undermined by the Jethro's BBQ restaurant chain, which is based in Des Moines.

The chain's owner says the company isn't named as a defendant and that customers have nothing to worry about. A CBS spokeswoman says it will try to amicably resolve the issue with Baer.

## Other news

Prosecutors have dropped a weapons charge against rapper Young Jeezy, Orange County, Calif., Superior Court Judge Robert C. Gannon granted the dismissal during a hearing Dec. 11 in Newport Beach. Deputy District Attorney Renee Jones said the dismissal was warranted due to new evidence but declined to elaborate. The rapper was arrested in August and charged with possession of an AK-47.

From The Associated Press

# Studio head, producer apologize for Jolie, Obama remarks

By LINDSEY BAHR  
The Associated Press

Oscar-winning producer Scott Rudin apologized Dec. 11 for calling Angelina Jolie a "spoiled brat" and making racially offensive jokes about President Obama's presumed taste in movies.

The comments were made in a series of leaked email exchanges between Rudin and Sony Pictures Entertainment co-chairman Amy Pascal, who also apologized Dec. 11. It was yet another embarrassment in the ongoing Sony hacking scandal, in which highly sensitive material is being leaked almost daily.

"Private emails between friends and colleagues written in haste and without much thought or sensitivity, even when the content

of them is meant to be in jest, can result in offense where none was intended," Rudin said in a statement to industry site Deadline after the Obama remarks surfaced. "I made a series of remarks that were meant only to be funny, but in the cold light of day, they are in fact thoughtless and insensitive — and not funny at all. To anybody I've offended, I'm profoundly and deeply sorry, and I regret and apologize for any injury they might have caused."

In a statement released soon after by Sony, Pascal called her comments "insensitive and inappropriate" and "not an accurate reflection of who I am." She said that although the emails were "stolen," she accepts "full responsibility for what I wrote and apologize to everyone who was offended."

This latest shocker in the Sony scandal

erupted Dec. 9, when the website Gawker posted email exchanges stolen from the studio's computer systems.

Meanwhile, Seth Rogen kicked off the premiere of his comedy "The Interview" by thanking Pascal for having the courage "to make this movie."

Rogen addressed the audience Dec. 11 before the packed screening in downtown Los Angeles. The film about an assassination attempt on North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has taken center stage in the wake of the cyberattack on Sony.

Some have speculated that North Korea was behind the attack in retaliation for the upcoming movie.

Sony prohibited interviews at the premiere.

# Hey hey hey goodbye: It's over and done for some TV series

By RICK BENTLEY  
The Fresno Bee

Six new programs for the 2014-2015 network TV season have been canceled and several more are in trouble. The latest casualty is the FOX series "Red Band Society," that will end with 13 episodes.

It joins the previously canceled "Selfie"

and "Manhattan Love Story" on ABC; "Utopia" on FOX; and "A to Z" and "Bad Judge" on NBC. Although it has not been officially axed, production on NBC's "Constantine" has been halted with 13 episodes. Its full fate won't be known until the 2015-2016 schedule is announced.

This goes along with the plug being pulled on the CBS comedy "The Millers."

If you are making bets on which shows will go next, the leading contender is "Mulaney" on FOX where the season order was cut to 13.

A lot of long-running series will end this season including "Glee," "Two and a Half Men," "Parks and Recreation," "Parenthood" and "The Mentalist." Things are looking a little rocky when it comes to "CSI" as its season has been cut to 18 episodes.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Safe-driving campaign yanked over innuendo

**SD** PIERRE — South Dakota officials have canceled a public safety campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of jerking the steering wheel on icy roads, saying it's too risqué.

The Department of Public Safety has pulled the "Don't Jerk and Drive" ads, which played on the double meaning of the word "jerk." Highway Safety Director Lee Asdahl told the (Sioux Falls) Argus Leader last week that the double meaning was intentional to grab people's attention.

He said the message is that the department would prefer drivers keep their cars out of the ditch and their mind out of the gutter.

His boss, Public Safety Director Trevor Jones, said he's pulling the social media and television ads. He said he doesn't want innuendo to distract from the goal of saving lives on the road.

## Man wrote bad checks for \$58K in stamps

**VA** NORFOLK — Perhaps Alexander Moore has a really long Christmas card list. Or a lot of pen pals. The Greensboro, N.C., man was sentenced Thursday to two years in prison for bank fraud after writing more than \$58,000 in bad checks for postage stamps.

Documents filed in federal court in Norfolk, Va., say Moore, 40, opened a checking account and deposited about \$5,000 before visiting several post offices in Virginia and North Carolina to stockpile stamps. He also spent about \$5,000 at office supply and clothing stores.

According to the Virginian-Pilot, defense attorney Suzanne Katchmar wrote in court papers that her client was abused as a child, loves to cook and hopes someday to operate a food truck. She said nothing about his interest in stamps.

## FBI asks public for help finding bank robber

**IL** CHICAGO — The FBI is asking for the public's help in finding a person suspected in at least five bank robberies.

Robert Holley is Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Chicago office. In a news release issued Friday, he says the bureau is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for the person they've dubbed the "Play-Along Bandit."

Holley said the FBI chose the name because of the man's practice of trying to blend in and appear to be a normal bank customer, even greeting security officers, before demanding money from a teller.

The man is suspected in five robberies in Chicago. The FBI says he's worn a black knit skull cap with a small brim in each robbery. In one robbery, he wore an orange safety vest.

## Company files suit over damaged french fries

**ID** BOISE — Idaho-based J.R. Simplot Co. has filed a lawsuit against a railway

## THE CENSUS

# \$200K

The approximate street value of cocaine found in the spare tire of a car driven by a Canadian woman. Border officers said the woman was driving from Ontario into Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Thursday. Officers detected problems with the car's spare tire, inside which they found six bags of cocaine. The driver's name wasn't released.



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## No outlet

A sport utility vehicle is embedded in the roof of a home last week in Escondido, Calif. Police said a BMW driver lost control during a turn, went off a road and plunged through the garage roof of a home that sits about 20 feet below the roadway. Homeowner George Strotter said the car landed on the hood of his Nissan Pathfinder in the garage and knocked the ceiling down on another car. Neither he, his wife nor the driver of the car was hurt.

company after a large freight of french fries being transported to Georgia spoiled because it wasn't properly sealed.

According to the lawsuit, the company paid BNSF Railway Co. more than \$12,000 last year to deliver roughly 5,000 cases of french fries at 10 degrees.

Once the potatoes made it to Doraville, Ga., officials discovered that a door had not been closed all the way.

Railway officials claimed the product could still be sold but in a different market. However, Simplot argues that the fries were unfit for consumption.

Simplot is seeking more than \$83,000 in damages that cover the cost of the product, delivery charges and disposal fees.

## Man gets life term in parking dispute slaying

**GA** MARIETTA — A Georgia man has been convicted of murder after prosecutors argued he killed another man over a parking space.

Cobb County District Attorney Vic Reynolds said a jury found Antonio Parks, 42, guilty of malice murder, two counts of felony

murder, aggravated assault and firearms possession charges on Friday.

Reynolds said Parks got into an argument with Terrence Washington Jr., 27, in September 2013 when Washington's girlfriend parked her car overnight at the apartment complex where Parks lived. Reynolds said Parks went back into his apartment after the argument to get a handgun and shot Washington 18 times.

Judge Henry Thompson sentenced Parks to life in prison without parole.

## Unlicensed tattoo shops spur complaints

**ND** JAMESTOWN — Health officials in North Dakota say they have been receiving complaints about unlicensed tattoo shops that are operating in the state.

Central Valley Health of Jamestown services eight counties, including Stutsman, and licenses businesses that offer tattoo and piercing services. Administrator Robin Iszler told KOVC-AM that the complaints have come from people who have gotten tattoos at an unlicensed facility.

Iszler said shops without licenses can have sanitary problems. Iszler said shops offering tattoo services must be able to show a license upon request. Iszler added that customers should report the business immediately if a license is not available.

## Virginia Tech to offer gender-neutral housing

**VA** BLACKSBURG — Beginning next fall, Virginia Tech is allowing opposite-sex roommates to live together for the first time.

The pilot program will allow for "flexible housing" or "gender-neutral" housing in two residence halls on the Blacksburg campus.

The Roanoke Times reported that the option has been implemented in recent years at George Mason University and at some private schools in the state.

Virginia Tech housing officials say the state's public colleges and universities have been slow to join the trend.

The program will allow students 18 or older applying for on-campus housing to request roommates of their choice, regardless of gender.

Virginia Tech has had co-ed dormitories for decades but until now students had been unable to live in the same room with someone of the opposite sex.

## Players check shops for stolen accordions

**TX** HOUSTON — A Houston musician has been checking pawnshops after his custom-made \$4,000 accordion was stolen following a gig.

Jose Martinez is part of a Norteno band called Grupo Arriero. Martinez said he believes thieves have been targeting and following musicians.

Martinez said the accordion, which he's had for about 15 years, was stolen Dec. 7 from his SUV. He said the group performed the previous night and the expensive accordion was still in his vehicle.

Another accordion player, Pablo Hernandez, said two of his instruments were recently stolen following a performance.

Hernandez said both accordions were in his truck, which was stolen but later recovered. Both instruments were gone.

From wire reports

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Whites-minorities wealth gap widens

**By SARAH SKIDMORE LELL**  
*The Associated Press*

PORTLAND, Ore. — The economic recovery has not been equal among the races, according to a Pew Research Center study released Friday.

The study found that the wealth gap between white households and minorities has widened in recent years.

The wealth of white households was 13 times greater than that of black households in 2013, versus eight times the wealth in 2010. The wealth of white households was more than 10 times that of Hispanic households, up from nine times the wealth in 2010.

New researchers — analyzing data from the Federal Reserve's Survey of Consumer Finances — found that the gap between whites and blacks has reached its highest point since 1989. The wealth ratio for whites-to-Hispanics is at a level not seen since 2001.

Net worth is a measure of the difference between the household's assets and their liabilities. The typical household had a net worth of \$81,400 in 2013, according to the Fed's survey.

The recession was universally hard on

American families as a stock market crash and plunging house prices ate into their net worth. From 2007 to 2010, the median net worth of American families fell 39 percent.

This is the first time researchers have been able to look closely at the impact of the economic recovery on households.

"I think this strikes on what many people have felt, the slow and uneven nature of the recovery," said Rakesh Kochhar, one of the study's authors.

Researchers say a number of factors may be responsible for the widening gap: falling income, lower savings rate and different asset holdings.

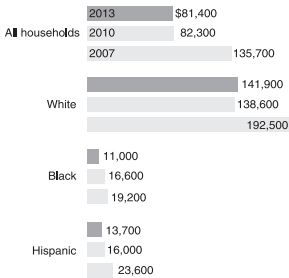
The median income in minority households fell 9 percent from 2010 and 2013, versus a 1 percent drop in white households. In turn, researchers say, minority households may have either been forced to draw down from savings to get by or were unable to replenish their savings as much as white households.

Additionally, certain financial assets, such as stocks, recovered more quickly than housing since the recession ended. And white households are more likely than minorities to own stocks, putting them in a better position for a recovery.

## Wealth gap by race and ethnicity

Economic recovery is unequal, with gains by white households outpacing those of blacks and Hispanics.

Median net worth of households, in 2013 dollars



\*Blacks and whites include non-Hispanics, Hispanics are of any race.

SOURCE: Pew Research Center

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Dec. 15)	\$1.2776
Dollar buys (Dec. 15)	€0.7827
British pound (Dec. 15)	\$1.61
Japanese yen (Dec. 15)	¥115.00
South Korean won (Dec. 15)	₩1,076.00

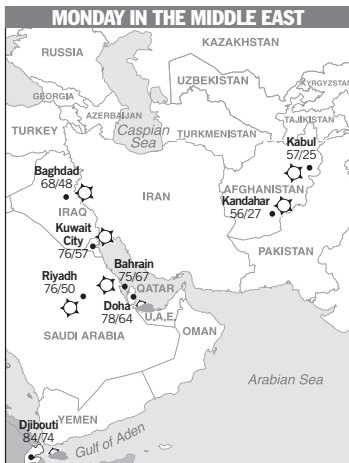
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5706/£0.6367
Canada (dollar)	1.1588
China (Yuan)	6.1874
Denmark (Krone)	5.9737
Egypt (Pound)	7.1512
Euro	\$1.2451/€0.8031
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7515
Hungary (Forint)	247.50
Israel (Shekel)	3.9096
Japan (Yen)	118.75
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2917
Norway (Krone)	7.5691
Philippines (Peso)	44.57
Poland (Zloty)	3.36
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7531
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3138
South Korea (Won)	1,104.20
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9645
Thailand (Baht)	32.83
Turkey (New Lira)	2.2974

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.75
Federal funds market rate	0.12
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	2.74

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Tex	59	35	Cir	Chatanooga	62	47	Pcldy	Fort Wayne	49	43	Cldy	Louisville	53	46	Rain
Akron, Ohio	48	29	Pcldy	Cheyenne	34	14	Cir	Fresno	56	46	Rain	Lubbock	56	27	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	36	27	Pcldy	Chicago	51	42	Rain	Goodland	35	15	Cir	Macon	65	43	Cir
Albuquerque	48	29	Pcldy	Cincinnati	51	45	Cldy	Grand Junction	38	20	Pcldy	Madison	45	37	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	44	30	Pcldy	Cleveland	48	44	Rain	Grand Rapids	50	42	Cldy	Medford	49	37	Rain
Amarillo	50	24	Cir	Colorado Springs	42	18	Pcldy	Great Falls	30	17	Pcldy	Memphis	67	44	Rain
Anchorage	35	29	Rain	Columbia, S.C.	68	38	Cir	Green Bay	47	35	Rain	Miami Beach	75	61	Cir
Asheville	60	37	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	66	50	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	60	38	Cir	Midland-Odessa	63	31	Cir
Atlanta	63	49	Cir	Concord, N.H.	51	43	Cldy	Hartford	46	34	Pcldy	Milwaukee	47	41	Rain
Atlantic City	47	31	Cir	Corpus Christi	79	59	Pcldy	Hellena	30	12	Pcldy	Mpls-St Paul	46	24	Rain
Austin	71	47	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	67	40	Cir	Honolulu	93	70	Cir	Missoula	29	15	Pcldy
Baltimore	47	33	Pcldy	Dayton	51	43	Cldy	Houston	77	49	Cir	Montgomery	69	51	Cir
Baton Rouge	74	53	Cir	Daytona Beach	70	45	Cir	Huntsville	63	49	Pcldy	Nashville	58	46	Cldy
Billings	40	12	Cldy	Denver	39	18	Pcldy	Indianapolis	49	42	Rain	New Orleans	73	59	Cldy
Birmingham	65	50	Pcldy	Des Moines	53	27	Rain	Jacksonville, Miss.	73	47	Rain	St. Petersburg	83	69	Pcldy
Bismarck	27	13	Cldy	Detroit	51	42	Cldy	Jacksonville, Fla.	69	43	Rain	St. Thomas	85	72	Rain
Boise	41	29	Pcldy	Duluth	50	30	Rain	Juneau	40	34	Rain	Salmon, Ore.	46	39	Cldy
Boston	41	33	Pcldy	El Paso	60	36	Pcldy	Kansas City	51	28	Rain	Salt Lake City	40	29	Cir
Bridgeport	41	33	Pcldy	Elkins	55	35	Cldy	Knoxville	60	44	Cir	San Antonio	74	49	Pcldy
Brownsville	80	65	Cldy	Erie	43	40	Rain	La Crosse	74	49	Cir	San Diego	65	56	Cir
Buffalo	40	35	Cldy	Eugene	47	39	Rain	Lake Charles	74	49	Rain	San Francisco	59	51	Rain
Burlington, Vt.	34	26	Pcldy	Evansville	51	46	Rain	Lansing	49	42	Cldy	San Jose	58	45	Rain
Caribou, Maine	29	16	Cldy	Fairbanks	13	0	Cldy	Las Vegas	56	43	Cldy	Santa Fe	43	22	Pcldy
Charleston, S.C.	39	12	Pcldy	Fargo	28	13	Cir	Lexington	52	45	Cldy	Seattle	46	41	Cldy
Charleston, S.C.	70	41	Cir	Flagstaff	44	21	Pcldy	Lincoln	41	22	Rain	Shreveport	71	42	Cir
Charlotte, W.Va.	54	44	Cir	Flint	52	43	Cldy	Little Rock	68	40	Cldy				
Charlotte, N.C.	62	39	Cir	Fort Smith	60	35	Pcldy	Los Angeles	63	54	Cldy				

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## OPINION

## Give families a say in hostage policy

By DEBRA TICE and MARC TICE

As the parents of an international hostage, our hearts are broken again by the tragic news of the death of Luke Somers in Yemen. This month's failed rescue attempt once more brought into intense focus the need for the U.S. government to involve families in its policies and procedures for responding when Americans are taken hostage.

On Aug. 14, 2012, when our son Austin Tice was taken captive in Syria while reporting on the conflict there, our lives were turned inside out. The oft-repeated cliché is "there is no handbook" for what we are going through. That hardly begins to express the challenges we face. In reality, no government policy and no established support network exist to help families navigate the many questions suddenly requiring an answer: questions regarding interaction with the government; questions about protecting Austin's identity and assets; questions of managing a relationship with the media; questions about preserving some semblance of normal life for our family. All of these pose in significance to the biggest question of all: What can and should we do to get Austin safely home as soon as possible?

Last month, the White House ordered a review of the U.S. government's hostage policy. Many issues need to be addressed as part of this review. Former captives and families of hostages, along with the government entities responsible for bringing captive Americans safely home, must be involved in this discussion.

As part of this process, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence should be ordered to coordinate efforts among all the agencies involved — both to improve interagency information-sharing and to avoid redundancy.

Currently, according to the website Intelligence.gov, "Seventeen separate organizations unite to form the Intelligence Community. Each member agency oper-

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ates under its own directive." Each agency has a defined mission that prioritizes its objective.

As it relates to hostages, the work of these agencies must be aligned with a single primary objective: the safe return of American citizens held overseas.

Before leaving for Syria, Austin was living as an independent adult, with all the usual responsibilities and obligations. Over the more than 850 days that he has been held captive, we have learned that no policy safeguards the identity, assets and obligations of our missing son. We face often insurmountable obstacles as we struggle to protect his online identity, secure his bank accounts, freeze his debts and in other ways try to ensure that he has a life to come home to. A comprehensive hostage policy should include a method for suspending a hostage's obligations, such as rent, loans and insurance, as well as for preserving a phone number.

In this digital age, it should also be possible for elements of a hostage's online identity, including social media and email, to be appropriately accessed and managed. There should be an immediate, comprehensive evaluation of any vulnerable assets, such as bank and credit card accounts. If these assets are not frozen, they must be appropriately monitored for any malicious activity. A clear and efficient mechanism needs to be in place to ensure that any stolen assets are returned or reimbursed to the hostage.

Austin did not provide us with access to his online accounts. However, government agencies using subpoenas have been

able to mine them for clues. Officials often refuse to share what they find with us; moreover, we cannot even be certain it is shared among relevant agencies. The information may just be stored away in a file somewhere.

When the family of a U.S. citizen becomes involved in an international hostage crisis, the many necessary decisions can be overwhelming. Some are immediate, while others unfold as the days become weeks, then months and sometimes years. Because each case is unique, truly there can be no "handbook." However, there can and should be frequently updated guidelines covering things to consider, as well as an informed government liaison to provide support and advice. If ransom becomes an issue, families should be included in an honest discussion of the options. There is no simple answer that can be applied to every hostage scenario.

Each family should be free to choose the level of involvement with which it is comfortable. When clarity clears, it is required to be able to clearly communicate timely and accurate information with the family, our government should stand ready to facilitate the necessary vetting.

Appropriately vetted family members can be an essential and critical part of the team, especially since they are likely to be the ones contacted by those with information about the captive. Additionally, they may be the only team members whose clear and singular objective is the safe return of their loved one.

These issues are likely to affect every international captive and need to be discussed and addressed in any serious policy review. To be fully credible and complete, the current policy review must include former captives and families of hostages together with the government entities charged with bringing hostages safely home.

Debra Tice and Marc Tice live in Houston. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

## Torture report shows why laws of war exist

By ARTHUR I. CYR

Barak Obama and the law collide in war. The law is vital for mitigating the most brutal aspects of collective killing.

Today, both dimensions are present in the intense, politicized debate in Washington about CIA torture of terrorism suspects. The Senate Intelligence Committee report released Dec. 9 is a long, dense and intense indictment of the agency for deception, ineffectiveness and brutality.

Democrats for years have pressed for release of this classified information, but the debate does not divide entirely along partisan lines. Republican Sen. (and 2008 presidential nominee) John McCain has been a very visible, outspoken opponent of torture, which he suffered for years as a prisoner of war in the infamous Hanoi Hilton during the Vietnam War.

The current debate directly reflects decisions by the U.S. administration, which following the 9/11 terrorist attacks began use of torture — euphemistically described as "enhanced interrogation" — in the struggle against al-Qaida.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and others argued that neither the Geneva Conventions nor U.S. law applied to terrorist suspects. Large numbers were incarcerated at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, without judicial review.

This was a mistake. Slowly but relent-

lessly, the U.S. judicial branch culminated in the Supreme Court has reaffirmed that basic human rights are universal, and Guantanamo prisoners are entitled to some form of due process.

The U.S. military has effectively reinforced the point. Military lawyers balked, and some talked to the media, to protest absence of due process. The current 2006 edition of U.S. Army Field Manual (FM) 2-22.3, titled "Human Intelligence Collector Operations," explicitly prohibits torture and other abuse.

A proposed version of this manual would have included a classified section with instructions on how to torture prisoners. This was vetoed after lengthy, extremely intense internal struggle, in which the military was able eventually to overcome Rumsfeld.

Not surprisingly, the United States has played a major role in developing laws of warfare. During the Civil War, professor Francis Lieber of Columbia Law School, military adviser to President Abraham Lincoln, wrote a treatise promulgated in 1863 as General Orders 100 and used for decades afterward. The orders describe rights of noncombatants, partisans, prisoners and spies, along with prohibited weapons, such as poison.

Lieber, a German veteran of the Napoleonic wars, knew war intimately. Two sons served in the Union Army and one with

Confederate forces, where he was killed.

The American legal example encouraged the 1899 Hague Convention on "Laws and Customs of War on Land," followed by the Geneva Conventions. After World War II, those conventions were expanded.

Modern unconventional conflicts with guerrillas as well as terrorists have provided vexing challenges. In the early 1970s, I graduated from the Army infantry officers' school at Fort Benning, Ga. Lt. William Calley, convicted of murder in the My Lai massacre in Vietnam, was under house arrest on the post. Later, President Richard Nixon pardoned him.

One training film from earlier in the war showed an American officer forcing a peasant to precede him into a tunnel. After the film, our instructor carefully stated that behavior was prohibited.

A more recent film featured a heroic black sergeant. When his commander tried to force a peasant to lead the way into a minefield, this Pentagonian Sidney Poitier volunteered to go himself instead. The audience laughed, appropriately.

War at best is morally ambiguous, and our values require honest debate about methods. Be attentive to unfolding debate over the Senate report, including the forceful rebuttals.

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# Looking at the news

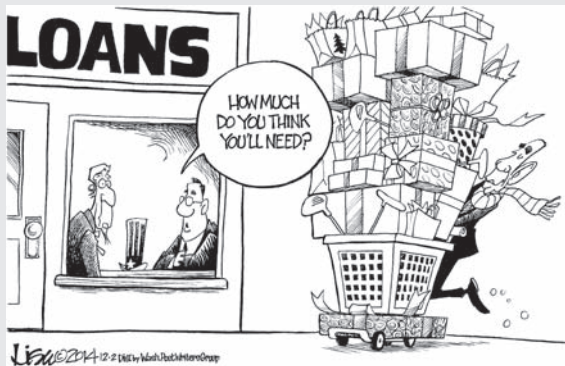
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# NHL

## Roundup

# Islanders snap Chicago's streak

The Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Kyle Okposo and Lubomir Visnovsky scored 51 seconds apart in the third period, and the New York Islanders beat Chicago 3-2 on Saturday night to snap the Blackhawks' NHL-best, eight-game winning streak.

After Patrick Kane gave the Blackhawks a 2-1 lead 3:46 into the third with an end-to-end pass with a backhanded finish, Okposo tied it with a power-play goal off a rebound of John Tavares' shot with 9:50 left.

Visnovsky then skated across the Chicago zone and beat backup goalie Scott Darling to put New York in front at 11:01.

Cal Clutterbuck also scored, and Jaroslav Halak made 23 saves to stop the Islanders' three-game losing streak. New York allowed 17 goals during the skid.

**Sharks 2, Predators 0:** Tomas Hertl scored in the first period, Antti Niemi earned his 29th career shutout and host San Jose won the fourth in their tie in eight games.

**Ducks 4, Jets 1:** Ryan Getzlaf had a goal and an assist, and the visiting Ducks earned their seventh consecutive win.

**Rangers 5, Canucks 1:** Mats Zuccarello had two goals and Henrik Lundqvist made 29 saves to lead the visiting Rangers.

**Blues 3, Avalanche 2 (OT):** T.J. Oshie scored from the slot at

1:03 of overtime, lifting St. Louis to the road win.

**Blue Jackets 4, Penguins 3 (SO):** Cam Atkinson and Ryan Johansen scored in the shootout to lift host Columbus to its sixth straight win.

**Maple Leafs 4, Red Wings 1:** Richard Panik scored the go-ahead goal and Jonathan Bernier stopped 27 shots to help host Toronto beat the Red Wings for the second time in four days.

**Senators 3, Bruins 2 (SO):** David Cameron earned his first win as an NHL coach when Bobby Ryan and Mikka Zibianaj scored in a shootout for visiting Ottawa.

**Capitals 4, Lightning 2:** Nicklas Backstrom had his first career regular-season hat trick, and host Washington's Braden Holtby made 26 saves.

**Wild 4, Coyotes 3 (SO):** Zach Parise had a tying power-play goal late in the third period, and then scored in the shootout to help short-handed Minnesota get the road win.

**Stars 4, Devils 3:** Trevor Daley and Shawn Horcoff scored in the second period to help host Dallas recover after giving up a two-goal lead.

**Flyers 5, Hurricanes 1:** Wayne Simmonds had a goal and an assist, leading host Philadelphia.

**Sabres 4, Panthers 3 (OT):** Nikita Zadorov scored 29 seconds into overtime to lift host Buffalo to the victory.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	PP	PK	
Tampa Bay	31	19	9	3	41	89	82		
Detroit	31	17	7	7	41	92	79		
Montreal	29	19	10	4	40	87	62		
Toronto	29	17	9	3	37	99	82		
Florida	28	12	8	8	32	64	74		
Boston	30	15	13	2	32	76	78		
Ottawa	29	12	12	5	29	76	81		
Buffalo	30	10	16	2	26	56	91		
Metropolitan Division									
N.Y. Islanders	30	20	10	0	40	96	87		
Washington	29	14	10	5	33	85	79		
N.Y. Rangers	29	19	8	4	40	82	77		
Philadelphia	29	11	13	5	27	71	87		
Pittsburgh	29	13	15	1	27	75	81		
Columbus	29	12	12	2	26	71	95		
Carolina	29	8	18	3	19	61	83		

Western Conference									
Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	PP	PK	
St. Louis	30	20	8	2	42	89	70		
Chicago	30	20	9	1	41	93	60		
Nashville	29	19	8	4	40	78	57		
Winnipeg	30	15	10	6	36	73	74		
Minnesota	28	13	11	1	33	81	70		
Dallas	29	11	13	5	27	85	103		
Colorado	30	10	17	2	27	78	98		
Pacific Division									
Anaheim	32	21	6	5	47	95	83		
Vancouver	30	18	10	10	38	89	80		
San Jose	32	17	11	4	38	90	82		
N.Y. Rangers	29	19	8	4	40	82	77		
Los Angeles	30	15	15	4	35	79	99		
Arizona	30	10	16	4	24	70	99		
San Jose	30	10	18	1	19	63	91		

**NOTE:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

**Friday's games**  
Florida 3, Detroit 5, 1:00  
Montreal 6, Los Angeles 2, 7:00  
**Saturday's games**  
Ottawa 4, Pittsburgh 3, 5:00  
Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, 5:00  
Minnesota 4, Arizona 3, 5:00  
Philadelphia 5, Carolina 1, 7:00  
Buffalo 4, Florida 3, 7:00

N.Y. Islanders 3, Chicago 2, 7:00  
Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 3, 7:00  
Anaheim 4, Winnipeg 1, 7:00  
Dallas 4, New Jersey 3, 7:00  
St. Louis 3, Colorado 2, 7:00  
N.Y. Rangers 5, Vancouver 1, 7:00  
San Jose 2, Nashville 0, 7:00

**Sunday's games**  
Los Angeles at Toronto  
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia  
N.Y. Rangers at Edmonton  
Dallas at Nashville  
Ottawa at Atlanta  
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders  
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh

### Saturday

#### Sharks 2, Predators 0

Nashville 0 0 0-0  
San Jose 1 0 1-2  
**First Period**—1. San Jose, Herti 7-10 (assist, Thornton).  
**Second Period**—None.  
**Shots on goal**—Nashville 7-4-18-25.  
San Jose 15-15-34-0.

**Power-play opportunities**—Nashville 0 of 3; San Jose 0 of 2.  
**Goals**—Nashville, Rinne 19-61 (33 shots-22 saves). San Jose, Niemi 12-73 (29-29).  
A-17:09 (17:562). T-2:32.

#### Blues 3, Avalanche 2 (OT)

St. Louis 1 1 0 1-3  
Colorado 1 1 0 0-2  
**First Period**—1. Colorado, Johnson (Holden, Landeskog), 14:01 (pp.).  
St. Louis, Shattenkirk 4 (Tarasenko, Lehtera), 15:25 (pp.).  
**Second Period**—3. St. Louis, Pietrangeli 3, 8:16. 4. Colorado, Johnson 6 (Macinnis, Landeskog), 18:36.  
**Overtime**—5. St. Louis, Oshie 5 (Jackman, Shattenkirk), 1:03.

**Shots on goal**—St. Louis 10-17-13-2-42. Colorado 6-9-13-0-25.  
**Power-play opportunities**—St. Louis 1 of 5; Colorado 1 of 2.  
**Goals**—St. Louis, Allen 10-31 (25 shots-23 saves). Colorado, Pickard 4-5-1 (42-39).  
A-17:06 (18:007). T-2:40.

#### Rangers 5, Canucks 1

N.Y. Rangers 3 2 0-5  
Vancouver 0 0 1-1  
**First Period**—1. N.Y. Rangers, McDonough 1 (Fast, D. Moore), 2:36. 2. N.Y. Rangers, Miller 1 (Staples), 3:19. 3. N.Y. Rangers, Zuccarello 5 (Nash, Brassard), 6:46.  
**Second Period**—4. N.Y. Rangers, Staal 1 (Hayes, Stempniak), 7:17. 5. N.Y. Rangers, Zuccarello 6 (Brassard, Nash), 17:39.  
**Third Period**—6. Vancouver, Bonino 8 (Hansen, Burrows), 4:20.  
Missed Penalty Shot—St. Louis, NYR, 12:27 second.

**Shots on goal**—N.Y. Rangers 6-10-7-23. Vancouver 7-8-15-30.  
**Power-play opportunities**—N.Y. Rangers 6 of 6; Vancouver 0 of 1.  
**Goals**—N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 11-7-33 (30 shots-29 saves). Vancouver, Miller 16-7-10 (23-18).  
A-18:570 (18:910). T-2:23.

### Stars 4, Devils 3

New Jersey 0 2 1-3  
Dallas 2 2 0-4  
**First Period**—1. Dallas, Seppen 23 (Cole, Spezza), 14:29. 2. Dallas, Spezza 6 (Seguin, Roussel), 17:40. 3. New Jersey, Merrill 2 (Henrique, Zidlicky), 4:26 (pp.). 4. New Jersey, Gellina 1 (Josefson, Hoffman), 7:46. 5. Dallas, Daley 6 (Roussel, Henrique), 15:12. 6. Dallas, Hoff 4 (Fideller, Scollavito), 16:52.  
**Second Period**—3. New Jersey, Gomez 1 (Henrique, Jagr), 18:53.  
**Shots on goal**—New Jersey 7-13-11-31. Dallas 13-20-3-4.

**Power-play opportunities**—New Jersey 2 of 4; Dallas 0 of 3.  
**Goals**—New Jersey, Schneider 11-14 (33 shots-29 saves). Kinkaid 0-0-0 third. 3-3). Dallas, Lehtonen 11-7-5 (31-28).  
A-16:110 (18:522). T-2:31.

#### Wild 4, Coyotes 3 (SO)

Minnesota 1 1 1 0-4  
Arizona 1 2 0 0-3  
**First Period**—1. Minnesota, Niederreiter 1 (Suter, Vanek), 2:46 (pp.). 2. Arizona, Ekman-Larsson 6 (Boedker, Vermette), 3:52 (pp.).  
**Second Period**—3. Arizona, Vermette 8 (Ekman-Larsson, Boedker), 1:40. 4. Minnesota, Kinkaid 1 (Pominu, Kucera), 13:23. 5. Arizona, Korpiokski 3 (Chapman, Kucera), 14:20. 6. Minnesota, Parise 11 (Pavol, D. Dallas), 16:02 (pp.).  
**Shootout**—Minnesota 2 (Parise, G. Kovalyuk) 1 (Boedker, Kucera, Vermette, G. Richter).  
**Shots on goal**—Minnesota 10-11-11-3-30. Arizona 7-13-8-0-23.

**Power-play opportunities**—Minnesota 2 of 3; Arizona 1 of 1.  
**Goals**—Minnesota, Backstrom 5-21 (30 shots-27 saves). Arizona, Dubnyk 5-22 (33-32).  
A-13:975 (17:125). T-2:40.

#### Blue Jackets 4, Penguins 3 (SO)

Pittsburgh 0 1 2 0-3  
Columbus 2 0 1 0-4  
**First Period**—1. Columbus, Foligno 14 (Evers, Savard), 3:02 (pp.).  
**Second Period**—2. Pittsburgh, Cormeau 10 (Kunkhman), 12:02. 3. Columbus, Letang 6 (Adams, Goff, 7:22) (sh). 4. Columbus, Letang 6 (Adams, Goff, 7:22) (sh). 5. Pittsburgh, Johnson 2 (Dubinsky, Savard), 17:49. 6. Pittsburgh, Letang 1 (Goff, 7:22) (sh). 19:49.  
**Shootout**—Pittsburgh 1 (Malik, Niskanen, G. Sutter, N.Y. Columbus 2 (Atkinson, Johnson, Foligno).  
**Shots on goal**—Pittsburgh 9-10-11-6-36. Columbus 6-9-10-2-27.

**Power-play opportunities**—Pittsburgh 0 of 4; Columbus 1 of 5.  
**Goals**—Pittsburgh, Greiss 3-22 (27 shots-24 saves). Columbus, Bobrovsky 11-18-18 (33-24).  
A-18:663 (18:144). T-2:47.

#### Sabres 4, Panthers 3 (OT)

Florida 0 2 1 0-3  
Buffalo 2 0 1 1-4  
**First Period**—1. Buffalo, Hodgson 2 (Kalea, Zadorov), 2:06. 2. Buffalo, Foligno 4 (Deslauriers, Stafford), 13:05.  
**Second Period**—3. Florida, Bergenheim 5 (Boyes), 1:08. 4. Florida, Hayes 7 (Bergenheim, Kulikov), 4:51.  
**Third Period**—5. Buffalo, Jokinen 3 (Bolland), 5:27. 6. Buffalo, Gionta 4 (Myers, Bolland), 8:27.

**Overtime**—7. Buffalo, Zadorov 1 (Ennis, Gronowicz), 2:17. 8. Tampa Bay, Johnson 9 (Carle, Kucherov), 15:36. 9. Tampa Bay, Carle 3 (Stamkos, Gironi), 17:21. 6. Washington, Fehr 6 (Carlson), 19:29 (en).  
**Shots on goal**—Tampa Bay 2-14-12-42. Washington 10-16-28-8.

**Power-play opportunities**—Florida 0 of 1; Buffalo 0 of 4.  
**Goals**—Florida, Montoya 2-2-2 (32 shots-28 saves). Buffalo, Enroth 9-10-1 (28-26).  
A-18:450 (19:070). T-2:33.

#### Capitals 4, Lightning 2

Tampa Bay 0 0 2-2  
Washington 0 2 2-4  
**First Period**—1. Washington, Backstrom 6 (Wilson, Schmidt), 10:33. 2. Washington, Backstrom 7 (Ovechkin, Wilson), 18:40.  
**Second Period**—3. Washington, Backstrom 8 (Ovechkin), 2:17. 4. Tampa Bay, Johnson 9 (Carle, Kucherov), 15:36. 5. Tampa Bay, Carle 3 (Stamkos, Gironi), 17:21. 6. Washington, Fehr 6 (Carlson), 19:29 (en).  
**Shots on goal**—Tampa Bay 2-14-12-42. Washington 10-16-28-8.

**Power-play opportunities**—Tampa Bay 0 of 4; Washington 0 of 4.  
**Goals**—Tampa Bay, Bishop 16-6-27 (30 shots-24 saves). Washington, Holby 12-7-4 (28-26).  
A-18:506 (18:506). T-2:37.

#### Maple Leafs 4, Red Wings 1

Detroit 1 1 0-1  
Toronto 1 1 0-2  
**First Period**—1. Detroit, Kronwall 5 (Franz, Nyquist), 15:27 (pp.). 2. Toronto, Riemydij 12 (Kessel, Panenko), 16:27 (pp.).  
**Second Period**—3. Toronto, Panik 6 (Holzer), 17:50.  
**Third Period**—4. Toronto, Rielly 4 (Winick), 1:42. 5. Toronto, Karri (Winick, Santorillo), 16:46 (en).

### Shots on Goal—Detroit 12-5-11—28.

**Powerplay opportunities**—Detroit 1 of 2; Toronto 5 of 5.  
**Goals**—Detroit, Mrazek 3-1-0 (40 shots-37 saves). Toronto, Bernier 12-6-3 (28-27).  
A-19:063 (18:819). T-2:29.

### Ducks 4, Jets 1

Anaheim 3 1 0-4  
Winnipeg 1 1 0-0-1  
**First Period**—1. Winnipeg, Little 12 (Perreault, Bugufugli), 11:28 (pp.).  
**Second Period**—3. Anaheim, Silverberg 4 (Lindholm, Karlovic), 6:15 (pp.). 3. Anaheim, Getzlaf 10 (Maroon, Jackman), 8:25. 4. Anaheim, Thompson 3 (Getzlaf), 17:54 (sh).  
**Third Period**—5. Anaheim, Cogliano 4 (Lovejoy), 18:45 (en-sh).  
**Shots on goal**—Anaheim 9-14-8-31. Winnipeg 10-10-28-28.

**Power-play opportunities**—Anaheim 1 of 5; Winnipeg 1 of 4.  
**Goals**—Anaheim, Andersen 17-4-4 (28 shots-27 saves). Winnipeg, Hutchinson 6-2-2 (30-27).  
A-15:016 (15:004). T-2:26.

### Canucks 3, Blackhawks 2

N.Y. Islanders 0 1 2-3  
Chicago 0 1 2-3  
**First Period**—1. Chicago, Carcillo 4 (Oduya, Hjalmarsson), 14:25. 2. N.Y. Islanders, Oduya 3 (Hjalmarsson), 17:49. 3. Chicago, Letang 3 (Chicago, Kane 14 (Savard, Letang), 18:45. 4. N.Y. Islanders, Tavares, Leddy, 10:10 (pp.). 5. N.Y. Islanders, Visnovsky 2 (Strome, Martin), 17:54 (sh).  
**Shots on goal**—Chicago 10-7-8-25. N.Y. Islanders 8-17-16-31.

**Power-play opportunities**—Chicago 0 of 1; N.Y. Islanders 1 of 3.  
**Goals**—Chicago, Darling 5-2-0 (31 shots-38 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Halak 15-6-0 (25-23).  
A-16:170 (16:170). T-2:17.

### Senators 3, Bruins 2

Ottawa 0 1 1 0-3  
Boston 0 1 0-2  
**First Period**—1. Boston, Cunningham 1 (Lefkowitz, Ullmark), 2:06 (pp.).  
**Second Period**—2. Ottawa, Zibanejad 8 (Hoffman), 2:24. 3. Boston, Eriksson 5 (Malik, Soderberg), 12:02.  
**Third Period**—4. Ottawa, Legwand 6 (Stones, Richter), 4:17 (pp.).  
**Shots on goal**—Ottawa 10-11-11-31-31.

**Power-play opportunities**—Ottawa 1 of 3; Boston 0 of 1.  
**Goals**—Ottawa, Lohner 6-4-1 (31 shots-29 saves). Boston, Rasch 12-9-3 (31-29).  
A-17:565 (17:565). T-2:39.

### Flyers 5, Hurricanes 1

Carolina 0 1 0-1  
Philadelphia 2 2 0-5  
**First Period**—1. Philadelphia, Couturier 7 (Umberger, Read), 5:3. 2. Philadelphia, Simmonds 13 (Schenen, Laughton), 11:27.  
**Second Period**—3. Carolina, E. Staal 7 (Gronowicz, Ullmark), 2:17. 4. Philadelphia, Voracek 11 (Simmonds, Gironi), 4:54 (pp.). 5. Philadelphia, Laughton 1 (Schenen, Couturier), 7:25. 6. Philadelphia, Raffl 8 (Gironi, Voracek), 10:05.

**Shots on goal**—Carolina 5-10-11-26. Philadelphia 12-7-4-23.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Carolina 1 of 3; Philadelphia 1 of 1.  
**Goals**—Carolina, Krudobin 0-7-23 (31 shots-18 saves). Philadelphia, Mason 6-4 (26-25).  
A-19:609 (19:541). T-2:24.

### Scoring leaders

Through Dec. 13

	G	A	P	T
Tyler Seguin, Dal	29	23	18	38
Jakub Voracek, Phi	29	11	26	37
Eugen Malkin, Pitt	29	15	21	36
Sidney Crosby, Pitt	27	9	26	35
Steven Stamkos, TB	31	10	23	34
Claude Giroux, Phi	29	8	26	30
Brad Pittman, St. L	30	11	21	30
Rick Nash, NYR	27	18	20	30
Phil Kessel, Tor	29	15	30	30
John Tavares, TB	29	10	21	30
Nicklas Backstrom, W	28	8	22	30
Mark Giordano, Cgy	31	8	22	30
Phil Forsberg, NYR	29	12	17	29

### Calendar

Jan. 1 — Winter Classic: Chicago at Washington.  
Jan. 26 — All-Star break.  
Jan. 27 — Stadium Series: Los Angeles vs. San Jose at Santa Clara, Calif.  
April 11 — Regular season ends.



GARY WIEPERT/AP

Sabres defenseman Nikita Zadorov fires the game-winning goal past Panthers defenseman Dmitry Kulikov (7) and goaltender Al Montoya during OT on Saturday.

**Rockets center Dwight Howard had 26 points and 13 rebounds in his first game back from injury on Saturday in Houston.**



## SPORTS BRIEFS

# Bradley, Chaves brawl to controversial draw

The Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS** — Timothy Bradley fought to a draw against Diego Chaves in a 12-round welterweight match on Saturday night at the Cosmopolitan. It was another disappointing night for the former welterweight and junior welterweight champion who lost for the first time in his pro career in his previous fight against Manny Pacquiao in April.

Although what happened against Chaves wasn't nearly as clear cut as that loss to Pacquiao. It was a stunning decision that left many at ringside shaking their heads in disbelief for the second time on Saturday night. Jose Benavidez (22-0) won a unanimous decision over Mauricio Herrera (21-5) to claim the interim WBA super lightweight belt in a preliminary bout on the undercard. But fans and media were in an uproar, feeling Herrera clearly won the fight.

Many of those same people had Bradley dominating the fight against Chaves. Bradley repeatedly landed rights against Chaves, while also eluding many of Chaves' cleaner blows. After the fight, Bradley said he thought he had won eight rounds.

Julie Lederman scored it 116-112 for Chaves. Burt Clements had it 115-113 for Bradley, and Craig Metcalfe had 114-114, a draw. Bradley's promoter, Bob Arum of Top Rank, was apocalyptic.

"Julie Lederman should not be judging fights," Arum said. "Her scorecard for Chaves was an absolute disgrace."

Arum thought Bradley handily won eight of the 12 rounds. Arum said he was "fed up" with the judges. He made similar statements after Bradley scored a controversial decision over Pacquiao in 2012. Asked if the decision in Bradley-Chaves was as bad as the decision in Pacquiao-Bradley in 2012, Arum just said, "It was bad."

Lederman is the daughter of HBO's unofficial ring judge Harold Lederman. On his unofficial scorecard for HBO, Harold Lederman scored the fight 116-112 for Bradley.

Bradley (31-1-1) landed 225 punches while Chaves (23-2-1) landed 152, according to the CompuBox statistics, and had a 146-108 advantage in power punches landed.

In the other championship match on the card, Andy Lee (34-1) stunned previously undefeated Matt Korobov (24-1) with a sixth round technical knockout with 1:10 left in the sixth round to win the WBO middleweight title.

In other boxing news:

■ Amir Khan put his name in the mix for a possible fight next year with Floyd Mayweather Jr., using his speed and accurate right hand to win a lopsided 12-round decision over former champion Devon Alexander in a welterweight matchup Saturday night.

## Junior dos Santos wins in UFC event in Arizona

**PHOENIX** — Junior dos Santos unanimously outpointed Stipe Miocic on Saturday night at US Airways Center in the first UFC event in Arizona.

Dos Santos received winning scores of 48-47, 49-46, 49-46 from the judges.

Dos Santos (17-3) was a 5-to-1 favorite, but Miocic (12-2) made it difficult on the former UFC heavyweight champion for five back-and-forth rounds. In the end, dos Santos' consistency in landing straight right hands and left hooks that looked to make the difference.

## Crosby latest NHL player diagnosed with mumps

**PITTSBURGH** — Add Pittsburgh Penguins star Sidney Crosby to the growing list of NHL players dealing with the mumps.

The Penguins announced the diagnosis Sunday after holding the two-time MVP out of games Friday and Saturday as a precaution when swelling developed on the right side of Crosby's face.

Crosby underwent further testing Saturday. The team says Crosby should be through the infectious stage by Monday but will not play Monday night when Pittsburgh hosts the Tampa Bay Lightning.

The NHL is dealing with a widespread outbreak of the virus, with players from Anaheim, Minnesota, the New York Rangers and the New Jersey Devils among those affected.

## Oklahoma QB Knight cleared to play

**NORMAN, Okla.** — Oklahoma quarterback Trevor Knight has been cleared to play after missing more than a month with a neck injury.

The school made the announcement Saturday on the football team's Twitter account.

Knight practiced Saturday as the Sooners prepared for their Russell Athletic Bowl matchup with Clemson on Dec. 29.

Knight was injured while being sacked during the fourth quarter against Baylor on Nov. 8. Freshman Cody Thomas started the next three games, and the Sooners went 2-1 while featuring running back Samaje Perine.

Knight has a 11-3 record as Oklahoma's starter. He was the MVP of the Sugar Bowl last season after passing for 348 yards and four touchdowns.

This season, Knight has passed for 2,197 yards and 14 touchdowns and rushed for 340 yards and five scores.

## Nats 'disappointed' in Harper no-show

**WASHINGTON** — Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said that club was "disappointed" that outfielder Bryce Harper did not show up Saturday at the NatsFest fan festival.

In a statement emailed by one of his agent's employees, Harper said: "I have attended NatsFest each year and always enjoy my experience with the fans, but was unable to attend this year's event due to matters out of my control. I look forward to next year's NatsFest."

The Major League Baseball Players Association has filed a grievance on Harper's behalf over whether he should be able to void the 2015 terms in the final season of a \$9.9 million, five-year contract he signed when drafted. An arbitrator hearing could happen next week if the case isn't settled.

"We're disappointed he's not here, but he chose not to be here because of the grievance," Rizzo said. The GM added that he couldn't discuss the grievance because it's "a legal matter."



SAM MORRIS, LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL/AP

Diego Chaves embraces Timothy Bradley at the end of their fight on Saturday at the Cosmopolitan. After 12 rounds, the fight ended in a draw.

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# HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

# Bucs basketball teams coming together

Back in Division III after uneven season up a level, Baumholder looks like a contender

Baumholder's back.

After a brief and uneventful stay at the Division II level, this fall's realignment returned the tiny German outpost to the Division III level where it had once thrived.

Now the Bucs are handling the rest.

This weekend the Bucs boys and girls basketball teams swept a combined four games from Brussels, the school that happens to be the reigning Division III champion in both boys and girls hoops. The boys won 39-24 and 33-31; the girls won 30-23 and 34-20.

Though they were optimistic in the preseason, both Bucs teams appear to be ahead of schedule and headed for immediate title contention at the small-school level. The boys, under first-year head coach Darrell Winfrey, field a young, inexperienced team featuring six freshmen and a sophomore point guard. New girls coach Matthew Martinez inherited a similar situation with just three returning varsity players.

But it's all coming together quickly. Jaylon Bentley, the aforementioned sophomore point guard, scored 15 in the boys' Friday win and another 10 Saturday. Fellow sophomore Elyah Tillman carried the girls, meanwhile, with a two-day total of 46 points and 40 rebounds.

**AFNORTH:** Senior Anthony Doerfer continued his early-season rise to wrestling prominence with a pair of pins at 113 pounds Saturday. "He will be one of the favorites" at Europeans, coach Greg Blankenship said.

**Alconbury:** The Dragons took the weekend off of the DODDS-Europe basketball courts and will emerge on the other side of the holiday break in search of their first boys or girls win. A road trip to AFNORTH awaits Jan. 9-10.

**American Overseas School of Rome:** The Falcons stood out from the muddled Italian boys basketball field over the weekend with an impressive pair of wins over Signella. Otis Reale scored a combined 68 points in 60-50 and 67-38 victories.

**Ansbach:** Ryan Roberts turned in a winning score of 279 points Saturday in guiding the Cougars to a narrow marksmanship win over host Vilseck. Third-place finisher Kaitlyn Carson and three other teammates also cracked the top 10 for Ansbach.

**Aviano:** The Saints nearly pulled off a Friday night upset of Naples on the strength of a stout defense that Naples' Jessica Wheeler said was "like a wall." The Wildcats escaped with a 29-27 overtime win.

**Bitburg:** The Barons finally recorded the satisfying girls basketball upset they've been hinting at last weekend. Elise Rasmussen and Saoirse Matthews turned in matching double-doubles as Bitburg beat Ramstein 53-47, knocking off an upper-division foe a week after taking a heartbreaking two-point loss a week prior to reigning Division I champ Wiesbaden.

**Brussels:** Brigand basketball hit a valley over the weekend in a combined four boys and girls losses to new Division III rival Baumholder. But the teams can still enter the holidays happy, as they'll play cross-town rival International School of Brussels on Tuesday before starting the break.



MICHAEL S. DARNELL/Stars and Stripes

**Derrick McMorris is unable to stop Patch's Pablo Paradis from scoring in the fourth quarter of the game between Patch and Ansbach on Saturday.**

**Black Forest Academy:** Girls basketball offenses across DODDS-Europe breathed a sigh of relief over the weekend as the Falcons' suffocating defense sat idle. BFA is back at it on Jan. 16 at Hohenfels.

**Hohenfels:** The boys basketball team has benefitted from the stellar guard play of Clayton Pinheiro and the all-around wing havoc of David Vidovic, but now they also have an emerging force in the middle. Justin Standifer recorded consecutive double-doubles over the weekend as the Division II Tigers split with D-Vilseck.

**Kaiserslautern:** The basketball rebuild is proceeding according to plan for the Raider boys and girls, both of whom enter the break at 4-0. New senior Malik Tillman and returning sophomore Andre Fresch led the way as Kaiserslautern swept SHAPE over the weekend.

**Lakenheath:** The Lancers took two narrow home-court defeats to Division I rival Wiesbaden this weekend. Lakenheath forced overtime Friday before losing 74-71, and scored 23 fourth-quarter points in a rally that couldn't prevent a 59-55 loss Saturday.

**Marymount International:** The Royals haven't gained much traction early in the boys and girls basketball season. They'll attempt to recover after the break with a Jan. 16-17 home set against Aviano before traveling to Division III Signella.

**Menwith Hill:** Drew Ogea led the Mustangs to a successful boys basketball rally against St. Aidan's on Thursday. Ogea scored six fourth-quarter points and found Ben Dixon for the game-winner in a 29-28 victory.

**Naples:** Few teams have displayed as much danger and diversity in the early going of this girls basketball season as the Wildcats. On Saturday, Keylee Soto scored 15 points, Aundrea Hall scored 14, Charity Hollingsworth dished out 10 assists and Jessica Wheeler grabbed nine rebounds and nine steals in a 49-31 drubbing of Aviano.

**Patch:** It's becoming increasingly common, but notable nonetheless: the Panthers enjoyed an undefeated weekend of DODDS-Europe competition. The boys and girls basketball teams crushed Ansbach, the marksmanship team beat five foes in a landslide and the wrestling team trounced Ramstein and Vilseck.

**Ramstein:** They were no match for Patch overall on Saturday, but the new-look Royal wrestling squad had its moments. David Kingery (106 pounds), Kaleb Hoopes (113) and Dillon Thompson (182) each took top honors in their respective weight classes.

**SHAPE:** The Spartans' first taste of regular-season Division I basketball went sour this weekend as both the boys and girls suffered sweeps at Kaiserslautern. They'll face Division III opponent Brussels on Jan. 10 before diving back into large-school play against Lakenheath the next weekend.

**Signella:** The Jaguars have played strictly higher-division opponents so far this season, and have come away with just one win between the boys and girls teams. That pressure isn't about to lift, however; they'll visit Vicenza fresh out of the holiday break and won't see a fellow Division II team until Feb. 14 at Florence.

**Vicenza:** The Cougars, now vying for the Division I boys basketball title after winning the Division II crown last season, dipped back into the lower ranks for runaway wins Friday and Saturday. Vicenza stayed unbeaten with 58-25 and 64-28 wins over Marymount.

**Vilseck:** The Falcons' early-season boys basketball frustrations finally lifted Saturday as they recorded their first win. Gabriel Lewis piled up 24 points, eight rebounds, seven steals and seven assists to lead Vilseck to a 67-56 win at Hohenfels.

**Wiesbaden:** The frontcourt tandem that fueled the Warriors' run to last year's Division I girls basketball championship appears to be even more prolific this season. Gierra Martin scored a combined 41 points and posted two double-doubles and Catherine Klein hauled in 25 combined rebounds in Friday-Saturday routs of Lakenheath.

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## HIGH SCHOOL:DODDS PACIFIC/COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

## Edgren, Humphries pull out wins

If they awarded style points for great escapes, Edgren and Humphreys would rate highly among Pacific high school basketball teams, if last week was any indicator.

■ Led by junior Shawn Robinson, who averaged 24.5 points, the Eagles outlasted Kinnick 55-53 on Friday and 73-72 in double overtime on Saturday.

■ Senior Osie Cruz averaged 28.5 points as the Blackhawks edged Yongsan International-Seoul 61-57 on Wednesday, then sneaked past Taejon Christian 55-54 on Friday.

"Aren't we?" Blackhawks coach Joshua Henry said Friday when asked if he felt his teams were channeling an inner Houdini. "Awesome game. Incredible game."

"It definitely felt that way," Eagles coach Chris Herrera said of the escape artistry, particularly after Friday's first half, when Edgren trailed 33-15 and spectators began to leave. But they outscored the Red Devils 23-4 in the third period and held on from there.

On Saturday, it was Kinnick's turn to rally, tying it 48-48 before Robinson scored nine points in the two overtimes to pace the Eagles.

"We stayed true to ourselves, allowed the defense to work and it paid off for us," Herrera said.

The wins evened Humphreys' record at 2-2 and put the Eagles over .500 at 2-1.

**Kinnick:** The Red Devils' matmen came away with a perfect 9-0 mark in two weeks of DODDS Japan wrestling, winning four times Dec. 5-6 at Edgren and five more at Zama on Saturday. The last time Kinnick lost a DODDS Japan dual was Jan. 21, 2012 to Yokota, and even then, the teams tied in points and Kinnick lost on the first tiebreaker (bouts forfeited).

**Yokota:** Switching from Division I to Division II seems to agree with Panthers basketball. The boys and girls are each unbeaten through four games, following weekend sweeps of E.J. King, Jadan Anderson and Jermaine Neal led the boys past the Cobras 77-39 and 79-45, while Sarah Claypool, Caitlyn Rowan and Sarah Cronin paced the girls over King 58-11 and 61-15.

**Zama:** After falling at home to Kinnick on Wednesday, the Trojans hit the road and came away with a weekend sweep at Perry, 36-26 on Friday behind Tiara Carroll's 24 points and 33-27 on Saturday behind Ali Chiazienza's 11 points.

**Perry:** Vincent Erritiano helped the Samos continue their hot season-opening streak, improving to 6-0 following 45-28 and 59-54 victories Friday and Saturday. Friday's game ended early when Zama pulled off the court with 3:40 left in the third quarter, coach Patrick Jones citing what the referees' misunderstanding of high-school rules.



Jason Wysons/Special to Stars and Stripes

**Edgren's Shawn Robinson skies toward the basket with Kinnick's Devon Venturino in pursuit. Robinson averaged 24.5 points in the Eagles' two victories over the Raiders this weekend.**

**E.J. King:** The one team that came close to beating Kinnick wrestling in the dual tournament at Zama was the Cobras, who fell to the Red Devils 33-26.

Amber Dinkins (129), Kajuan Garnett (158), Keagon Longtin (180) and Tyler Larson (heavyweight) each won by pin and Ricky Salinas (168) by technical fall.

**Osan, Daegu:** In the last action for both teams before the Christmas break, the defending Far East Division II champion Warriors boys hope to get in their first win of the season Wednesday. Meanwhile, the Cougars boys, led by their big three of Chase

Kingsbury, Nick White and Sean Copia, hope to continue their hot start; they're 2-0 entering the contest.

**Seoul American:** Defense has revived the Falcons, who after a double-overtime season-opening loss to Taejon Christian, have won three straight. The latest came Saturday, when they had 30 rebounds, 30 steals and nine blocked shots in a 59-12 romp over Daegu.

**Kadena:** Following a tight first quarter, the Panthers girls shut out Kubasaki 21-0 in the second and were never threatened in a 53-19 romp in the teams' first of four scheduled regular-season meetings. Jasmine Rhodes paced Kadena (1-2) with 20 points.

**Kubasaki:** Jacob Green proved to be a foul-line sharp-shooter, hitting 10 of 12 free throws, including four of five to end the third quarter after being fouled on a three-point try and a technical foul on Kadena. The Dragons held on to win 51-45 and stay unbeaten at 4-0.

**Guam:** The Panthers' girls basketball and boys soccer teams were eliminated early from the Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam playoffs. Girls basketball exited with a 49-38 quarterfinal loss Friday at John F. Kennedy and boys soccer fell 2-0 to Father Duenas on Thursday.

—Dave Ormauer

## Auburn TE fatally shot near campus

By KIM CHANDLER  
The Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn football player Jakell Lenard Mitchell was fatally shot early Sunday at an off-campus apartment complex where two former football players and another person were killed in a shooting in 2012, police and reports said.

Auburn Police Capt. Will Matthews said police answered a call at 12:25 a.m. of shots fired at the Tiger Lodge apartment complex, where the 18-year-old freshman player was found. Mitchell was later pronounced dead at a hospital, he told The Associated Press.

Matthews said an investigation is ongoing and that no suspects have been taken into custody in the immediate hours after the shooting. He declined to release further details.

Auburn coach Gus Malzahar said Sunday he was "devastated and saddened" by Mitchell's death.

"My thoughts and prayers are with Jakell's family and friends, who are suffering through this senseless tragedy. I know the Auburn Family is hurting, especially our players and coaches, and we are going to love and support them through this difficult time. We have lost a member of our family too young, too soon," Malzahar's statement added.

The apartment complex was quiet Sunday, with large amounts of broken glass on the ground. Police had spraypainted the ground in spots, apparently marking the scene, and a red car with the license plate "Jakell" was seen being towed away Sunday morning.

Mitchell redshirted this season for the Auburn Tigers out of nearby Opelika High School. Able to play back and tight end, he was expected to contend for a starting spot next season, reports indicated. Mitchell missed his senior season at Opelika as he recovered from an ACL injury. He had rushed for 392 yards and 17 touchdowns in 2013 as a high school junior.

Drake Ledet, an Auburn sophomore living in a building near the complex, told AP he heard several gunshots shortly after midnight. He said there were two parties going on in the area hours earlier.

"I'd say it was at least eight [shots]," Ledet said, adding he looked out his window. "People were screaming ... I saw people scattering everywhere, getting in their cars."

Sunday's shooting happened at the same apartment complex where authorities say Desmonte Leonard killed three men at a party in the summer of 2012. The complex, located a few miles from campus, is popular with students and its name was changed following the 2012 shooting.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## NAVY 17, ARMY 10

## Streak: Niumatalolo winningest coach in Navy history

## FROM BACK PAGE

"I'm proud of the way our kids bounced back after they blocked our punt," Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said. "I told the team you don't win too many games when you have a punt blocked for a touchdown. That showed the resilience of this team."

The victory was Navy's 13th in a row over Army. Until the current winning streak, neither team had defeated the other more than five consecutive times in the storied series. The Black Knights' last victory over the Midshipmen was a 26-17 win on Dec. 1, 2001, in Philadelphia. Navy has outscored Army 417-142 during the streak.

"Our approach has always been don't talk about the streak," said Niumatalolo, who has guided the Midshipmen to the past seven victories over the Black Knights. "Our thoughts have always been about preparation for this game. It's not as if you carry points over from one year to the next. It is a heck of a run, and you have to give credit to a lot of players and coaches."

Army's season concluded Saturday, while Navy next takes on San Diego State (7-5) in the Poinsettia Bowl on Dec. 23 in San Diego.

"Our country is in great hands, on both sides of the ball," Niumatalolo said. "It's kind of cool when you've got the final four (College Football Playoff), players trying to unionize, trying to get more pay. But here you've got two schools that just want to beat each other up and then shaking hands after the game. And a year or so later they will be serving together to protect our freedoms."

Things to know about the 115th Army-Navy game:

## Ken-do

**Ken-do** Niumatalolo became the winningest coach in Navy history with his 56th victory (56-35). He entered the game tied with College Football Hall of Famer

George Welsh, who guided the Midshipmen to 55 victories from 1973-81. Niumatalolo also became the first coach to win his first seven games against Army, surpassing the 6-0 mark of the man who brought him to the school, former Midshipmen and current Georgia Tech coach Paul Johnson. His players showed their appreciation by carrying him off the field.

"My players did that. I didn't want to do that," Niumatalolo said. "I have so much respect for Army and Jeff (first-year coach Monken, who was a Navy assistant with Niumatalolo under Johnson) and those guys. I didn't want to upstage anybody. I just wanted to do our normal deal and pay respects to them."

**Keen on Keenan:** Reynolds' 9-yard TD pass to Jamir Tillman



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Navy quarterback Keenan Reynolds, left, dodges Army defensive back Hayden Pierce as he rushes the ball past teammate Noah Copeland in the second half of Saturday's game in Baltimore. Navy won 17-10 for the Midshipmen's 13th consecutive victory over the Black Knights.

with 18 seconds left in the second quarter left the teams tied 7-7 at halftime after both struggled to score on offense in the opening 30 minutes. Navy (7-5) had the better of it in the second half, making adjustments while keeping Army (4-8) from scoring an offensive touchdown in the game.

"They did what we expected them to do, but we were just shooting ourselves in the foot," said Reynolds, who led Navy's triple-option attack with 100 yards on 26 carries. "We just did a poor job on offense of executing. We knew what we needed to do. Once we stopped shooting ourselves in the foot, we were able to be successful."

Reynolds has 62 career rushing touchdowns, a school record and the most among quarterbacks in NCAA history.

**Special teams:** The kicking game was a factor throughout the contest. After more than a decade of frustration, it looked like it might finally be Army's day in the first quarter. On fourth-and-6 at the Navy 26, Army's Josh Jenkins blocked a Pablo Beltran punt. Xavier Moss picked up the loose ball and returned it 7 yards for a touchdown just 5:24 into the game. The TD marked the first time Army scored first against Navy since 2009.

Ryan Williams-Jenkins gave Navy a jump-start in the second half by returning the kickoff 41 yards to midfield. The Midshipmen moved the ball another 22 yards before Austin Grebe kicked a career-long 45-yard field goal



RICK VASQUEZ/Stars and Stripes

Navy mascot Bill the Goat walks in front of West Point cadets before Saturday's game in Baltimore.

to put Navy up 10-7 with 9:43 left in the third quarter. After a 49-yard miss by Army's Daniel Grochowski, Navy marched 69 yards on 15 plays. The 7-minute, 41-second drive - Navy's longest of the season - ended with Reynolds' 1-yard plunge into the end zone that put the Midshipmen up 17-7. Grochowski made a 52-yarder that cut the Navy lead to 17-10 with 1:54 left in the game, but Thomas Wilson recovered the onside kick to help the Midshipmen preserve the victory.

**Defense:** Navy, which was held without a first down in the first quarter while gaining just 15 yards, picked up steam in the second. The Mids' defense helped change the momentum. Coming

out of a timeout with 2:16 left in the first half, the Midshipmen stuffed Army quarterback Angel Santiago on a fourth-down sneak at the Navy 30. Taking the ball on hands, Navy marched down the field for Reynolds' game-tying TD pass to Tillman and an emotional boost heading into halftime. Army held Navy's rushing attack, ranked No. 1 in the nation coming into the game with an average of 357.8 yards a game, to just 205 yards on the ground. The Black Knights, ranked fifth coming in (305.7 yards a game), were held to 198.

**Friends face off:** Niumatalolo and Army coach Jeff Monken were graduate assistants together at Hawaii in 1990, and both served

as Navy assistants on Johnson's staff. A series full of storylines has another one for at least the near future.

"I love Kenny," Monken said. "I'm so proud of him and the job he is doing, and I know the feelings are mutual. It's special to have that relationship with him and so many of the coaches on that staff over there. Those are dear friends of mine so it's tough to lose a rivalry game and the backyard brother, too. You want to go out and beat your brother in the backyard, and that's a little bit of what this rivalry is like between Kenny and I."

**Turning the corner?:** The net result was the same as it had been for the past dozen years: An Army defeat. Despite the one-game sample size, there was some evidence that Army could make the storied series competitive once again. Monken has installed the triple-option attack that Navy uses and that both head coaches learned from Johnson, and the Black Knights at times moved the ball at will.

"I'm excited about the future of this program," Monken said. "I wasn't delusional thinking that everything was going to change at the snap of a finger when I entered the room saying these are the changes I am going to make. Those things take time, and it takes more than just a season. ... I think we are well on our way, but we haven't gotten there yet. I am absolutely confident that we will get there."

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Ducks' Mariota wins Heisman in landslide

## Oregon QB has double votes of 2nd place Gordon

By RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Marcus Mariota wrote it all down, every word of his Heisman Trophy acceptance speech. It was a good thing, too, because getting through it might have been tougher than sprinting away from a linebacker or tossing a touchdown pass for Oregon's understated star.

The junior quarterback became the Ducks' first Heisman winner going away Saturday night, capping a three-year climb to college football's most prestigious individual award.

"I'm humbled to be standing here today," Mariota said moments after he was announced as the winner.

Mariota isn't a bigger talker, but he steadily worked through his speech, thanking his teammates, teachers, friends and his home state of Hawaii. He finally hit a snag when it came time to thank his mother and father. He needed to take two deep breaths and still he got choked up.

"I had to give thanks to so many people because where I am today, it's all do to all those people," Mariota said later. "It's hard not to get emotional. It's been a long journey. My emotions got the best of me."

A pinpoint passer with wide-receiver speed, Mariota came into this season as the favorite to win the 80th Heisman and delivered a performance that turned the presentation ceremony at a theater in Times Square into a foregone conclusion.

Mariota had twice as many points (2,534) as second-place finisher Melvin Gordon (1,250), the record-breaking running back from Wisconsin. The other finalist, Alabama receiver Amari Cooper, was third.

Mariota received the second-highest percentage of possible points (90.92) in Heisman history, behind only Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith, who had 91.63 in 2006. Southern California tailback Reggie Bush received 91.77 percent of possible points in 2005, but his victory was later vacated for violating NCAA rules.

Mariota, the first Hawaii native to win the Heisman, has accounted for a Pac-12-record 53 touchdowns (38 passing, 14 rushing and one receiving) while directing the Ducks' warp-speed spread offense.

"In Hawaii, if one person is successful, the entire state is successful," he said, draped in leis at his news conference.

It will be a matchup of Heisman-winning quarterbacks in the College Football Playoff's Rose Bowl semifinal Jan. 1 with Mariota and the Ducks facing Florida State and Jameis Winston.

"I'm just looking forward to getting back on the field and playing again," Mariota said. "We do have a team goal."

In an era when so many Heisman winners seemingly come from out of nowhere — the last two were the first freshmen winners — Mariota's rise was slow and steady.

Three of the last four Heisman winners were in their first seasons as starters, including Cam Newton, who won the award in his only season at Auburn after transferring from a junior college. Before Newton, three straight sophomores won the award (Tim Tebow of Florida, Sam Bradford of Oklahoma and Mark Ingram of Alabama). Tebow was the first sophomore winner.

Like Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel and Winston, the previous two winners, Mariota started as a redshirt freshman. It quickly established himself as a star, but unlike Johnny Football and Famous Jameis, Mariota wasn't the face of college football in his first season.

In his second season he put up numbers that rivaled those of Heisman finalist quarterbacks Winston, Manziel, AJ McCarron and Jordan Lynch, but when it came time to vote for the Heisman, Mariota was forgotten. He didn't even finish in the top 10 in 2013.

This season Mariota would not be ignored.

He leads the nation in passer rating (116.2), is fifth in total offense (342.5 yards per game) and has led the Ducks to a Pac-



JULIO CORTES/AP

**Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota kisses the Heisman Trophy after Saturday's ceremony in New York. Mariota finished ahead of Melvin Gordon and Amari Cooper.**

12 title with a chance to play for their first national championship.

Of course, patience and poise have defined Mariota's career. He didn't start for his high school team until he was a senior — then led Saint Louis in Honolulu to a state title.

A quiet leader with a nice-guy reputation, Mariota brought no off-field baggage to this Heisman ceremony. After a season beset by off-field troubles, including a school hearing into sexual assault allega-

tions, Winston wasn't a finalist this time around. He finished sixth.

Oregon's only Heisman finalists before Mariota were quarterback Joey Harrington in 2001 and running back LaMichael James in 2010.

"If you have your punch list of things as a program, the most iconic individual award would be the Heisman Trophy. But like Marcus said, I know he'd trade all that to win as a team," Oregon coach Mark Helfrich said.

## Playoffs roundup

# North Dakota St. survives scare in FCS quarters

The Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. — North Dakota State has built its reputation around defense, but the Bison needed a career game of surviving a rare shootout by their standards. The last time they gave up more points was Dec. 11, 2010, in a playoff loss to Eastern Washington.

Crockett rushed for 227 yards and two touchdowns, including a game-winning 45-yard scamper with less than 10 minutes to play. It was his best performance in a

single game and broke the NDSU playoff record of 207 yards, by D.J. McNorton in 2010.

"He's a special player and he loves this stage," NDSU head coach Chris Klieman said of Crockett.

NDSU (13-1) and Coastal Carolina (12-2) combined for nearly 900 yards of total offense in front of more than 18,000 fans at the Fargodome. NDSU finished with an even 500 yards.

"It always stings," said Coastal Carolina quarterback Alex Ross, whose team lost to the Bison 48-14 in last year's playoffs. "To invest that much time and that much effort, it hurts. I hurt for those seniors."

**Sam Houston State 34, Villanova 31:** Jared Johnson threw for

303 yards and three touchdowns, and orchestrated the game-winning fourth-quarter touchdown drive to lead Sam Houston State in the FCS quarterfinals.

TCU transfer LaDarius Brown had 174 receiving yards and two touchdowns for the Bearkats (11-4), who move on to play at second-seeded North Dakota State.

**Illinois State 59, Eastern Washington 46:** C Marshaun Coprich ran for 258 yards and four touchdowns. Tre Roberson passed for 206 yards and two touchdowns and added 62 yards rushing and another score for the Redbirds.

Fifth-seeded Illinois State (12-1) visits top-seeded New Hampshire (11-1) in the semifinals.

## Division II

**Minnesota State Mankato 47, Concord University 13:** Driven by a substantial size advantage on the offensive line, the Mavericks defeated Concord in a semifinal game. It will be the program's 10th consecutive Stagg Bowl game.

**Colorado State-Pueblo 10, West Georgia 7:** Chris Bonner threw a 38-yard touchdown pass with 9:47 left in the fourth quarter and the Thunderwolves' defense held a powerful rushing attack mostly in check to advance to the Championship game for the first time in school history.

## Division III

**Mount Union 70, Wesley 21:**

Kevin Burke threw a career-high seven touchdowns and ran for another, leading Mount Union.

The senior quarterback completed 26-of-41 passes for a career-high 415 yards as the Purple Raiders (14-0) advanced to their 10th consecutive Stagg Bowl.

**Wisconsin-Whitewater 20, Linfield 14:** Running back Dennis Moore scored on a 33-yard run with five minutes remaining to give the defending champion Warhawks a victory.

Top-ranked Whitewater (14-0), which has won five of the last seven national titles, will face No. 3 Mount Union (14-0) next Friday night in the Stagg Bowl in Salem, Va. Mount Union lost to Whitewater in last year's final.



# Mariota's moment

# SPORTS



## Ducks' quarterback wins historic Heisman:

- First Oregon player to take home trophy
- First Heisman winner from state of Hawaii
- First Pac-12 player not from USC to win award since Jim Plunkett in 1970
- Fifth consecutive QB to win Heisman

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# The streak continues

## Midshipmen win unprecedented 13th straight over Army

By SEAN MOORES  
Stars and Stripes

BALTIMORE — The Navy football team has made plenty of big plays during Ken Niumatalolo's tenure. On Saturday, they had to overcome one.

After surrendering an early touchdown on a blocked punt, the Midshipmen eventually found their offense. Junior quarterback Keenan Reynolds rushed for a touchdown and passed for another score, and Navy survived a late Army rally, as the Midshipmen extended their unprecedented dominance of the Black Knights with a 17-10 victory at M&T Bank Stadium.

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Above, Army head coach Jeff Monken, left, embraces running back Larry Dixon after Saturday's 17-10 loss to Navy. Right, Navy wide receiver Jamir Tillman (4) celebrates his touchdown with teammate Ryan Williams-Jenkins (24) during the first half of Saturday's game in Baltimore.